THE TIMES

Weekend decision on Mr Stonehouse's future in Australia

A decisión on Mr. John Stonehouse's request to stay in Australia will be made today or tomorrow, the Australian Minister for Immigration said in Melbourne yesterday. The Labour MP disappeared from Miami last month. Yesterday his secretary

said in London that she knew some of the people Mr Stonehouse was probably thinking of when he claimed that he was the victim of blackmail and smear campaigns which had led to a "brainstorm" and his desire to assume a new

'Even chance' of his staying

From Our Correspondent

Melbourne, Dec 27 Melbourne, Dec 27

Mr Clyde Cameron, the Australian Minister for Immigration, said here today that he would give a decision within the next 48 hours on the future in Australia of Mr John Stonehouse, the British Labour MP. He said there was an even chance that Mr Stonehouse would be permitted to remain, if he wished to do so, provided he could prove he was a member of the House of Commons. As such he would be exempt from any part of the Immigrafrom any part of the Immigration Act requiring him to have an entry permit. As a British Labour MP he would be wel-comed by the Australian Gov-

Mr Cameron said that as far as he was aware Mr Stonehouse had not committed any offence in Australia.

Mr Stonehouse remained today at the Commonwealth detention centre in a Melbourne suburb, where he was visited by his wife.

Mr J. A. Patterson, his lawyer in Melbourne, told reporters he had been in touch with officials of the immigration department and had assured them that his client could be positively identified at

He pointed out that the Victhe pointed out that the Victorian and the Commonwealth police had positively identified Mr Stonehouse and he had not demed his identity. Mr Patterson said that if Mr Stonehouse was released he would probably find a place to live in Australia. His wife would join him.

Staff Reporters write Mr James

Staff Reporters write: Mr James Charlton, the man who last saw Vir Stonehouse, the MP for Walall, North, ten minutes before ic disappeared from a Miami each on November 20, is ex. Mrs Sheila Buckley at her ected to break his silence in parents' home yesterday.

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a statement that could unravel turbed by the affair and is the final threads of the mystery. choosing his time to speak." Mr Charlton has not spoken to police since Mr Stonehouse,

A business associate of the man who is acting chairman of to poli London Capital Stonehouse's absence said yester. day that Mr Charlton would be producing the statement soon. It could shed light on the mysterious figure who wrote to Mr Stonehouse in Australia during the MP's four-week disappear-

Mr Charlton, a barrister, who is expected to assume the chairis expected to assume the chair-manship of London Capital in Miami on business with Mr Securities, stayed at a secret address with friends during. Christmas after ordering his staff to keep silent on the affair. An associate said yesterday; He remains totally unper-

Mr William Molloy, Labour MP for Ealing, North, and a former parliamentary private secretary of Mr Stonehouse, called yesterday for an investigation of the allegations by Mr Stonehouse, which have proved Stonehouse, which have amazed business associates of the former minister. One theory is that Mr Stonehouse has exag-gerated what are largely business pressures. Mrs Sheila Buckley, his secre-

Charlton.

aged 49, was arrested in Aus-

a watching brief on the situation in Australia before making in-quiries in Britain. They will then be investigating Mr Stonehouse's

claims that he was being black mailed in Britain and that this led to the "brainstorm" which

Police in Britain are keeping

tary, however, insists that he was being blackmailed and that that and smear campaigns led to his urge to start a new life in Australia.

Mrs Buckley, who is 28, said Mr Stonehouse had been under

great pressure, and added: "He looked considerably older. He was obviously suffering a great She would not say whether the alleged blackmail was in

fact business pressures, but added: "He spoke of blackmail and I merely confirmed that this was the case. Mrs Buckley, who was speak-ing at her parents' bome in Abbey Wood, South-east Lon-don, said that she had not been

seen by the police, but she would be bappy to talk to them Continued on page 2, col 1

Nine killed

in train collision at old rose to record levels in the gold in the new year proved an encouragement to buying. Senator William Proximire, who is expected to be the next chain

Lisbon, Dec 27—Two trains collided outside Lisbon's main railway station today, killing nine people and injuring 65. One train was slowing down to come into the Santa Apolonia station and the other had just pulled out for the northern town of Coimbra when the accident happened.

ing the Treasury to sell 25 million ounces during 1975.

Page 17 First reports from a fire brigade chief, who went to the The Chinese leadership appears to be questioning the value of too much dependence on the West for support in view of the events of the past year, writes David Bonavia. Union.

After the disappointment of the growing accord between the Russians and the Americans, Peking has begun playing down its fears of the Soviet Page 4 scene, said at least 15 people had died; but this was later amended by other officials. Eye-witnesses said the collision occurred after the last coach of the north-bound train jumped the rails and crashed into the oncoming one. Radio stations Escape ends: I'wo dangerous men who broke out of Rampton mental hospital, Nottinghamimmediately appealed for nur-ses and doctors to report to their nearest hospitals to belp to treat the injured.

shire, on Christmas Day were recaptured by police yesterday seven miles away 2 The train bound for Coimbra was filled with soldiers on leave who were going to spend the New Year with their families. Many of them helped in the Office workers injured by ter-rorist explosions are to get rescue work. One soldier, Corporal Jose Joaquim Lopes, said it was a miracle that he had not been killed. rorist expusions immediate substantial cash pay-

Jack Benny dies

Beverly Hills, California, Dec 27.—Jack Benny, the come-dian, died last night of stomach

cancer. He was 80, though he claimed he was 39 years old right up to the day be died.—

Education pay: The general secretary of the Assistant Masters' Association calls on teachers to unite and accept "I suddenly found myself with my left leg stuck under-nearh a seat. There were many people on top of me. I started screaming for people to let me Houghton report out, but some could not move because they were dead."-Plunning: Greater Manchester

military groups, says it rejected a Provisional IRA offer of peace talks before the ceasefire amouncement. Page 2 County Council is well ahead with its scheme to take public's views into account in projects for the area.

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expected to be the next chair-

man of the Senate banking com-

he would seek legislation requir-

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British Ra fares will go up
by an averag of 12! per cent
on January 26, barely seven
months aftera similar increase
last summer. A further increase
is likely, with a few months
to contain the railways' mounting deficit.

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The first acrease had been widely expeted and only its timing was a doubt. In spite of a 12! percent rise in fares and freight charges in June, which yieled from extra. Eritish Rail till expects to end this year win a deficit of about \$150m.

The Janury fare increases are expecte to raise income by from the three railway unions are too about to lodge a close for substantial wage increases. I further fare increase befor summer is thus almost inevible. almost ineviable.

In Londo and the South-cast, some fares for shorter journeys wil be increased by a smaller amont or left at pre-sent level until London ransport ares go up in

Most othe rail fares, season tickets, orinary, day and weekend reirus will go up by 121 per cet and some Inter-City single fares by 15 per cent. Ecomy and 17-day returns willalso go up by 15

A day-retru fare from Lon-don to Brigton will go up from £1.75 to £1.8; from London to E1.75 to £1.8; from London to Bishop's Statford from 90p to £1; and from London to Guild-ford from £1 to £1.08. A quarterly bason ticket from London to righton will be in-creased froi £70.20 to £79 and from Londo to Guildford from £54 to £60.8 £54 to £60.8.

Under the new increases the ordinary rearn fare from London to Abeleen will rise from £21.07 to £2.73; from London to Glasgow & Edinburgh from £17.08 to £12.4; from London to Managert man Type from to Newcastl upon Type from £13.40 to £1!09; and from London to Livepool or Manchester from £10.23 to £11.53.

Many other rail charges will also be inceased. Parcel rates will go up b an average of 121 per cent omorrow. Sleeper berths will be increased from £3.60 to £ (first class) and from £2.40 to £2.70 (second class), from January 26.

Platform tickets will be doubled to 4p, and 2p will be charged for the use of station lavatories, tar parking and lug-gage in awance charges will also be raied. The Price Commission 3 considering a separate application for an in-

The increases will only help to reduce the size of which the size of which to any improvement in services. No new roling stock and only minimal improvements to stations are planned on South-ern Region, there, on the admission of Mr Rchard Marsh, chairman of the allways board, pas-sengers are already travelling in conditions unfit for cattle. Outside he South-east, rail travellers can look forward to brighter prespects. In March a prototype o a high-speed train will start running between Pad-dington and Bristol and South Wales. Fity-nine high-speed trains are being built for the Western Region and for main-line services to Yorkshire, the

North-east and eastern Scotland.



Australia takes up challenge of rebuilding ravaged Darwin

From Our Correspondent Melbourne. Dec 27

Dr Cairns, the Deputy Prime Minister of Australia, returned Minister of Augustians, columns to Melbourne today, after a day spent inspecting the devastation in Darwin. Red eyed and weary. Dr Cairus was emotionally disturbed by what he had seen and heard, and his face showed signs of strain. He told reporters: "Durwin

must not fail.

Darwin will be rebuilt, but nor necessarily on the same of the homeless, the sick and the injured is being site. It will have to be better stepped up.

planned than the destroyed lines calculated to withstand by the maximum out was such a dreadful ordeal in the future. Much thought will have to be given to this aspect of the job of rebuilding the city."

Mr. Whitlam, the Prime Ministry of the previous of the plant out. the new city that will arise out cally and strategically as the gateway to Australia. It will cost at least \$A250m (£141m)

Mr Marsh's criticisms, page 17

been flattened, trees have been homeless. My thoughts are with in some cases even the bark, and there is hardly a building in the city of 40,000 residents which has escaped damage; 90

has been completely devastated.

The rebuilding of the city will be the greatest national challenge the Australian people bave faced in 30 years. We to get the facilities working again, and moving out by air

of the wreckage of the old one, ter, arrived in Perth late today "It is too important histori from London. He will fly to from London. He will fly to Darwin tomorrow for the day and then go on to Sydney where he has called a meeting of the to reconstruct the residential Cabinet for Monday to discuss section of the city and the cost measures to cope with the after-

section of the city and many will have to be shared by all many will have to be shared by all many all help. Government and sent the following message to Opposition must join together. Sir John Kerr, the Governoring this matter.

"I was horrified by the deepest sympathy to the relatives of all those who lost their lives in the terrible storm in Darwin and to those who are

stripped of their leaves and those who are struggling to in some cases even the bark, and there is hardly a building in the city of 40,000 residents.

which has escaped damage; 90 per cent of the homes have been wrecked. Darwin looks like Hiroshima.

"Nearly 50 people are dead aircraft have been flying out hundreds of refugees and bring bodies will be found buried ing in much needed supplies. A British submarine is also expected in tomorrow with special power, lighting and other equipment.

It was announced today that 25 of the 45 people known to have been killed by the cyclone have been identified. Among the dead were three babies and five children. A few of the buildings left standing were to buildings left standing flag. ing with a navigation alo, limited air traffic control facilities and lights on the main resource.

Doctors and nurses were today giving residents injections against tetanus, typhoid, small-pox and cholera. With the high humidity and temperatures, disease has become a real threat. Many people have not been able to wash for three days and a hor bath bas been out of the question.

Among the supplies flown in today were milk and beer. This will help to relieve the strain of the water shortage until the

£1,000 grant to the Queen for cottages From Our Correspondent

King's Lynn
The Queen is to be given
11,000 from public funds to
convert two cottages into one
on the 20,000 acre Sandringham estate, it was disclosed yester-day. West Norfolk District Council is making its first improvement grant to the Queen since it came into being in April under local govern-ment reorganization

ment reorganization.

The Queen owns 350 cottages at Sandringham, which is a private possession of the Royal Family. In recent years she has ramhy. In recent years she has curried out extensive modernization of cottages on the estate.

Mr. Bryan Beaumont, the council's chief environmental health officer, said yesterday:

"We dealt with this application in the same way as we would from any other percent." from any other person: It con-cerns a couple of old cottages at Appleton. They are in very poor condition and are being converted into one decent dwelling for use by a farm

worker.
"Some of the old outbuildiugs are being knocked down and a certain amount of building is being done. This will ing is being done. This wan provide a sixing room, dining room, kitchen and utility room downstairs and four bedrooms and a bathroom upstairs. The lotal cost of the work is vasily in excess of the grant of troom.

The Queen, who is going to Sandringham today for a fourweek holiday, will stay in a property which she has modernized for herself. It is the six-bedroom Wood Farm House,

six-bedroom Wood Farm House, at Wolferton, two miles from Sandringham. The farmhouse was falling into disrepair when the Queen wook it over and restored it.

The Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward will stay at Wood Farm because 91 rooms at Sandringham House have been demolished and 18 are been demolished and 18 are being rebuilt to make it more economical. It is believed the scheme, including other repairs, is costing the Queen well over £250,000.

Mr and Mrs Wilson land in a gale

The Prime Minister, with Mrs. Wilson and their younger son. Giles, landed by helicopter at St Mary's, in the Isles of Scilly, in a gale yesterday. They are spending about a week on the islands during the Christmas

recess.
The family had travelled to Penzanenzahre in a Royal Naval helicopter. .

were lashed by winds of over 75 mph, with thunder, lightning and torrential rain. More damage was caused on Thursday night by heavy rain and wind in most parts of Wales. Room and chimneys were damaged and many houses were flooded in Cardiff and the Rhondda vesterday. Roads were flooded in South Wales.

The Meteorological Office said areas worst affected were the South and South-west. On the coast, there had been 50 mph gusts. On the mainland tin Continued on page 4, col 8 | fiercest gust reached 80 mph.

Freedom of press 'under attack on all fronts'

From Our Correspondent Geneva, Dec 27

The freedom of the press is under attact on all froms, the International Press Institute (IPI), Zurkh, reports in its annual survey.

40 French miners killed by explosion 15

"already weakened by soaring production costs and sagging advertising income". On the positive side, the

survey mentions the role of "the American press as a whole,

International Press Institute
(IPI, Zurth, reports to its annual survey.

The institute's director, Mr degree ", in the Watergate and broadcasting to a large degree ", in the Watergate affair, and the regaining of press, in fighting for survival as a many-soiced instrument in the service of the cuitzen, is fighting for the freedom of the fighting for the freedom of the peoples of the world.

The realt of this fight will be victory for press and citizen so long as democracy and the press within the democratic system go no believing in the value of institutions which guarantee his freedom."

In many countries, too, the effects of the economic-crisis raised the, question whether, even apart from the issue of freedom of expression, many newspapers could-survive.

The situation was aggravated by industrial conflicts previously of secondary importance but now with consequences that to believe it can happen. Even of secondary importance but to believe it can happen. Even now with consequences that when it does, they soon settle oblituary, page 12 could prove fatal for newspapers back into the old routine."

Redesigned £10 note to be released shortly

A redesigned \$10 note is to be issued early in the new year. It will be followed later by a slightly altered £1 note. The new notes will complete the changes planned in the late 1960s to cut production costs, make way for the 520 note and

combat forgers. The Bank of England brought in the £20 nute in July, 1970; and a new £5 design in November of that year. The identity of the historical

introduce new techniques to

figure to appear on the reverse face to the Queen on the £10 note is a closely guarded secret.

Inflation has played a large part in the wider use of bank-notes. An increasing number of £5, £10 and £20 notes are being handled. There are 577 million £5 notes in circulation and 913 million £1 notes in issue.

When the £10 note was first introduced the issue was only 195m. Now there is 1775m and the £20 note total has grown to £381 m. The sum of notes at present is £5,793 m, nearly £800 m more than last year.

Newspapers in Italy halted

Rome, Dec 27.-Italians will be without newspapers until Monday because of a 48-hour strike begun today over pay. The strike, also affecting news agencies, follows disrup-tion in newspaper production for most of the past two weeks caused by printers and journa-lists staging lightning lists staying strikes.—Reuter.

£90m oil damage

Tokyo, Dec 27 .- The Japancse Government decided today to set up an emergency headquarters to fight an oil slick which has comminated more than 100 miles of shore along the Inland Sea. The damage

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minutes after starting shift From Richard Wigg Paris, Dec 27 were examining both pussibi announced officially by At least 40 coal miners were killed early today by an under-Béthune etamining magistrate Charbonnaies de France, the French state coal board, has not made any statement on the ground explosion soon after they had begun the morning disaster.

shift down the Lens mine at Lievin, near Bethune in northern France.

rescued by pit volunteers and taken to local bospitats badly injured. Eodies were dug from under great masses of earth.

The cause of The miners, from a small town of 30,000 inhabitants, a typical centre of the grim Pas-de-Calais coal mining region. had all gone back to the pits this morning after five days' Christmas break. At 6.15 am, only 15 minutes after they were at the pit face, about

President Giscard d'Estaing sent a message of sympathy to the dead miners' families and ordered M Michel d'(mayo. his Minister of Industry, to

The cause of the blast is belicved to be either a cool dust explosion, due to an accumu-lation of coal particles in the aimosphere underground, or fire-damp, the explosive built up from carduretted hydrogen the air. Surviving miners were not

An official of the management, the Houillers du Pas de Calais, emphasized that the night shift down the same pit had reported only a very weak fire-damp coefficient. "There is no explanation for this catastrophe", he said.
"Suddenly everything bew up in the mine", was all that a survivor could say as he was

brought out by rescuers.
What happened was horrible." The explosion hannered the rescuers getting out the sur-vivors but, throughout the morning, the death oll climbed slowly and the size of the tragody became clear as miners' families cachered gathered

able to give any conclusive im- around the pithead. the pithead. 10 the fishing industry was put Photograph, page 3 at about £90m.—Reuter. pressions and investigators

UDA says it rejected peace talks with Provisionals before the Christmas ceasefire

Belfast

The largest of the Protestant paramilitary groups claimed yesterday to have rebuffed a proposal for peace talks sent by the Provisional IRA a few days before the ceasefire was

A senior official of the Ulster A senior official of the Olster Defence Association said that Mr Seamus Twomey, a high ranking member of the Provi-sionals' army council, suggested talks with Mr Andy Tyre, a IIDA commander The approach UDA commander. The approach is said to have been made on December 17 to the UDA's offices in Shankill Road, and suggests that Mr Twomey, a former IRA commander in Belfast, may have been in the city at the time.

The ceasefire began last Sunday at midnight, but was announced on December 20, and Mr Twomey could have been discussing it in Belfast earlier in the week.

The UDA officer said the offer of talks was rejected because the paramilitary groups have agreed among themselves not to confer with the Provisionals, although they have done so on several occasions.
The UDA feels that a ceasefire
is a matter for the British Government rather than itself. Certainly any "loyalist" group that talked to the Provisionals could expect heavy criticism if the fact was disclosed.

Republican sources said vesterday that an approach might have been made, inspired by suggestions from Protestant church leaders who met the Provisionals and initiated the

The aim of talks between the IRA and UDA may have been to prevent a fresh outbreak of sectarian killings jeopardizing from a house in the city's Ports-the ceasefire. It is known that wood suburb. They said they whatever may have happened last week, a message was sent to the loyalist paramilitary groups on the day the ceasefire was announced, calling on them to prevent fresh murders. far none has been reported.

escape yesterday from a cram-

ped wooden box in which they

had been trapped for 24 hours.

brother Howard, aged nine, and

David Starkie, aged eight, all of

Broad Road, Sale, Cheshire,

went to play in the box, in a

long, 2ft wide were forced to

They used 6in nails to lift the lid enough to breathe.

Ross Finegan, aged 10, his

Mr Twomey possibly also fast cinema where the show had wished to explain the Provisionals' current political thinking to the UDA and explore its became angry when they were views on a longer ceasefire.

Today marks the sixth day of the ceasefire and since Sunday the only report from the Army has been an incident in Londonderry when a patrol was fired on, on Christmas Eve.

The Army's headquarters at Lisburn say it was a quieter Christmas than usual. Republicans say that in some districts of Belfast soldiers have not been in evidence, but in others, more seem to have been on patrol. The Republicans say the only incidents they know of have been two attempts at arrests in Clonard and Andersonstown.

Apart from a dying man found on Boxing Day, the RUC has been engaged in such mundane matters as Christmas car accidents and customers vehe-mently dissatisfied with a Liverpool, where on Monday the Wombles show. Yesterday the RUC stood guard over the Bel-plaints.

appeared after customers de-manded their money back and became angry when they were told that was not possible until the banks opened next week The show has been scrapped. Mr James Flynn and Mr Noel McComb, who were deported to Northern Ireland last week under the new anti-terrorism Act, have both been released by the RUC. They were held for questioning when they landed. Wombles defended: Mr W Kenwright, producer of the stage version of The Wombles of Wimbledon Common, said yesterday that the Belfast audience, some of whose mem-

a Boxing Day performance of the pantomime, had gone to the show prepared to find fault (the Press Association report).
The pantomime is running in regional centres, including

bers ran on to the stage during



Terrorist hunt: Police yester- of two men after the shooting The other couple are described as Philip Reynolds, aged about 25, and his "so-called" wife, day issued these Photofit pictures of three people they want to interview after the shooting a policeman in Southampton Details of the bomb factory on Christmas Eve. They disclosed that IRA terrorists had been operating for six weeks from a house in the city's Ports-

were given by Det Chief Supt Cyril Holdaway, head of Hamp-shire CID. He is heading the hunt for Irish terrorists who fired on police when they were challenged in Southampton on Monday. One officer was wounded in the stomach and pelvis and another escaped when his glasses were shattered

A mother yesterday faced the

Post Office staff hurt by bombs to get cash

By Alan Hamilton Labour Staff

The Post Office Corporation has agreed cash compensation terms for postal workers who are injured in bomb explosions while handling mail.

Talks are still going on between postal union leaders and the Post Office Board on a precise scale of cash benefits for death or injury through terrorist activity. But in the meantime postmen have been told that immediate substantial compensation will be paid in the event of death or injury in an

The new terms are outlined in a circular from Post Office chiefs sent to local branches of the Union of Post Office Workers Union leaders met the Post Office for urgent talks on Post Office for urgent talks on compensation the day after a bomb at the London Museum telephone exchange, near Tottenham Court Road, on December 17, killed a postal worker.

Normally postal staff who suffered injury in such circumstances would have to apply to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, or await the out-

tine Criminal Injuries Compensa-tion Board, or await the out-come of a lengthy insurance investigation. Staff will still be able to use those channels, but the circular says that the Post Office "will make its own awards within the terms of the common law".

The provisions will also benefit postal staff who have retired early as a direct result of criminal injuries. They will get improved pensions if the Post Office considers the case

apply to all postal staff on Post Office property, or elsewhere on Post Office business and therefore cover letter bombs in a sorting office or bombs in a piller box.

Union leaders are pleased. Their main concern in the past has been the length of time taken to settle normal insurance

"This child's future is at

stake and the prospects in Australia are very uncertain indeed.", Lord Justice Ormrod said. The mother had said that

Both parents, who were divorced in 1970, conducted

The mother said that fears



As the season & good will closed, the sales season opened, as seen in yesterday's scrmble for bargains at this Oxford Street shoe shop.

torce cruise ship's

Thousands of scholchildren booked for educational cruises abroad next year on he P & O ship Nevasa will notbe getting their trios.

The P & O Group announces today that the Nevia, 20,160 tons, is to be withdawn from service next week ecause of unprecedented rises in operaring costs. It says the tithdrawal may cause a small reluction in staff, but promises todo its best to find them other osts. The company's orier educational cruise ship, the Uganda, is to maintain its programme.

Mr John Sharpe, te group's educational cruising manager, blamed the Nevasa's nithdrawal on a four-fold increse in the price of fuel oil, ind crew, maintenance and support costs, which had risen fastir than it had been possible to increase

P & O said that pissengers, education authorities and students booked on the Nevasa were being told of the decision, and where possible were being offered accommodation on the Uganda But, a spokeman said, and obviously with a dozen cruises gers on each cruise, se cannot accommodate them all, so thousands of youngstes will be disappointed."

The Negree was but in 1956

The Nevasa was built in 1956

Rising costs | Teachers are urged to accept pay report

Education Correspondent

Mr Andrew Hotchings, general secretary of the Assist-ant Masters' Association and chairman of the teachers' panel of the Burnham committee, called yesterday for all teachers' unions to accept the main re-commendations of the Houghton

report on teachers' pay.

The Burnham committee which negotiates teachers' pay, is to meet on January 6 to consider the \$400m settlement recommended by Lord Houghton, which would give teachers in-creases of between 16 and 32

Lord Houghton's mendations have to be approved by the Burnham committee before they can be implemented, although they were underwritten in advance by the Government.

There are fears that the teachers' panel, which has a majority of representatives from the National Union of Teachers, may my to get a better deal for vounger members of the profession. They were awarded in-creases of less than 16 per cent and a starting salary for non-graduates of £1,677 plus thres-hold payments of £229, which was much less than the union

wanted Mr Hurchings said in London Standary lower than the subcreases advocated by his asso-

brought them much nearer £2,000 a year.

* It would be a great mistake for teachers to allow the recom-mendations to have a divisive effect.", he added. "The important thing for all teachers is to seek in the light of the Hough-ton report the greatest possible common measure of agreement and to work together to get the increases implemented as swiftly as possible."

Teachers should get the increases in February, before renewed negotiations for further increases from April 1 during which some of the anomalies in the Houghton settlement could be corrected.

The association is holding its annual council meeting in London this weekend and is likely to call for a school leaving date about the Whitsun recess. At present, pupils who become 16 after February 1 have to stay on until the end of the summer

Tomorrow afternoon the council will debate a motion from its Avon branch regretting the reising of the school leaving age to 16. But Mr Hutchings said it was unlikely that the association would go back on its support for raising the leaving age, although it would like to see a better velopment of the day-release which allows pupils time off from school to work in

ciation, which would have industry. Scottish pressure for £3m more in final settlement

From Ronald Faux

Edinburgh
Scottish teachers' negotiators
will meet management representatives on Monday to resolve Scottish teachers' negotiators will meet management representatives on Monday to resolve the pay dispute which threatens: pared to give a little bit and to disrupt Scottish education again in the new year.

Mr John Pollock, secretary

designate of the Educational Institute of Scotland, said yesterday that the teachers would do all they could to resolve the dispute. But he warned management that negotiations on recommendations of tiations on recommendations of the Houghton committee were leaving the possibility of a

settlement very late.
The Houghton committee had recommended £41m, rising to £47m when reconstruction was completed within two years.
"We are asking for an addi-

Public houses

dispute

Workers' Union.

of draught beer

tional £3m", he said. "Something in that region would pay some of the Houghton award in advance this would provide the solution." The teachers clearly intend to press for better pay inde-pendent of their English

colleagues. The institute said yesterday:

"It is too late for joint action.

We are at a stage where Scottish teachers will seek to settle the Houghton award on their own initiative. There is independent investigation. pendent negotiating machinery and this is now in action.

"It is too late to hope to benefit from united action with English or Welsh teachers."

Appeal launched for a Reynolds

Some 350 Scottish public Lord Kenyon, chairman of the trustees of the National Portrait houses may close within a week because of a dispute involving Gallery, has appealed for donations to help to buy Sir Joshua Reynolds's portrait of Laurence Sterne. The appeal comes after "an encouraging answer" from Tennent Caledonian Breweries, the National Association of Licensed House Managers and the Government to a request from the gallery for a £40,000 gram. The gallery was offered the por-trait for £50,000 on December 12. the Transport and General Managers of Tennent houses have been told by the associa-Donations may be made to the National Portrait Gallery Trust Fund. tion to refuse further supplies

Escapers are recaptured 7 miles from hospital

From Our Correspondent Nottingham

The two men who escaped from Rampton trp security mental hospital, Nottinghamshire, were recaptured by police yesterday after a 38 hour search by helicopter and on foot.

Christopher McAteer and Brian Martin Perkins, both aged 20, were found by a sergeant with a dog hiding in a plate-layers' hur near Saxilby, Lin-colnshire, seven miles from the

hospital. Chief Supt Richard Richardson said police received a tipoff at 7.30 am that two men were trying to break into a car near a railway line near Saxilby. They were found after a twobour search and returned to Rampton for questioning.

Mr McAteer, from South-wark, London, has convictions for manslaughter, robbery and possession of an offensive weapon. Mr Perkius, from Fagley, Bradford, has convic-tions for violence and theft. They escaped by sawing through an iron bar on a lavatory win-dow on Christmas Day.

It was the fifth escape from Rampton, which holds many dangerous mentally ill patients, in the past 14 months.

in the past 14 months.

The two men gave up without a struggle to Sergeant Brian George and Constable Daniel Wallace, police dog handlers. They told police they spent Christmas night and Boxing Day hiding in a haystack on a farm two or three miles from Ramp

They decided to make for Bradford by following the railway line north. But they were heading south when seen by a tanker driver.

Sergeant George said: "They brough tired and

were wet through, tired and cold. We gave them some of our sandwiches."

Arson suspected after mill fires

A hundred families in the vil-lage of Stubbius, near Bury, Lancashire, were evacuated to safety when fire swept through two mills nearby early yester-day. Lancashire police said they

suspected arson.
The fires were at the Rosebank Mill of Traditional Upholstery Ltd. and at the Cuba Mill of N. C. Brown Cstorage Equipment) I at 600 words again. ment) Ltd, 600 yards away. The Cuba Mill was damaged by fire in similar circumstances last January.

Seven rescued from weir

stretched Firemen Avon at Salford, near Bath, yesterdan to prevent a stranded cabin cruiser with seven people on board from tipping over a weir. Then two firemen rowed the seven ashore unburt.

More than 40 firemen and police were involved in the two and-a-half hour rescue oper-ation when the cruiser ran aground in flood water at the edge of the weir after its engine failed.

Nameless caller found out

A person who made anonymous telephone calls to a house in Eastcombe, Gloucestershire, was identified yesterday as a

girl aged two. girl aged two.

Mr L. E. Evans, of Westerland, Eastcombe, who received 12 calls before the child's mother found out, said yesterday: "We didn't mind the calls, but the child was running up a big bill." big bill."

Fire damages school Fire damaged part of North-fields School in Hessel Road, Ealing, London, last night. No one was hurt.

Ouite a year 1974 was the year of the IRA.

Muhammad Ali, the three-day week, Archbishop Makarios, general elections, Richard Nixon the DC10 crash, Ronald Mitten the DC10 crash, konau Milhench, bottom spanking, Lord Lucan the Flixborough disaster, Patti Hearst and Ronald Biggs . . all that and much more The Sunday Times analyses tomorrow in its Review of the Year.

Weather forecast and recordings N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Bright Sun sets: periods, rain later; wind SW.

Tomorrow

Sum rises:

Lighting up: 4.29 pm to 7.37 am.

High water: London Bridge, 1.25 am, 7.0m (23.6ft); 1.47 pm, 7.2m (23.6ft). Avenmouth, 7.6 am, 13.3m (43.5ft); 7.34 pm, 13.4m (44.0ft). Dover, 10.46 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 11.12 pm, 6.7m (22.1ft). Hull, 5.59 am, 7.0m (23.0ft); 6.12 pm, 7.3m (24.1ft). Liverpool, 11.5 am, 8.8m (29.0ft); 11.30 pm, 8.8m (28.9ft).

3.59 pm

4.48 pm

Moon sets : Moon rises :

3.6 am

48.3 am

Full Moon: 3.51 am.

Today Sun rises : 8.6 am

Sun sets: 3.58 pm Moon sets: Moon rises: 🚅 7.13 am Full Moon: Tomorrow. Lighting up: 4.28 pm to 7.36 am.

High water: London Bridge, 12.34 am, 6.7m (22.1ft); 12.56 pm, 6.9m, (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.16 am, 12.6m (41.5ft); 6.45 pm, 12.9m (42.3ft). Dover, 10.3 am, 6.3m (20.8ft); 10.30 pm, 6.5m (21.3ft). Hull, 5.9 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 5.28 pm, 7.1m (23.3ft). Liverpool, 10.18 am, 8.4m (27.7ft); 10.42 pm, 8.5m (27.9ft).

Troughs of low pressure will cross England and Wales.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:
London, SE and Central S England: Mainly cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 10°C (50°F).

E Midlands, East Anglia:
Becoming cloudy with rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 9°C (48°F).

Channel Isles, SW England, SW wales: Mainly cloudy, rain at times; wind SW, strong or gale; max temp 11°C (52°F). max temp 10°C (50°F).

f, fair ; r, rain ; s, sun ; sn, snow.

max tentp 11°C (52°F). WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

strong or gale; max temp 9°C (48°F). Central N, NE and E England. W Midlands: Bright periods, rain later; wind SW, strong; max temp 9°C (48°F).
Outlook for tomorrow and Monday : Changeable with rain at times, but sunny periods ; temp near

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, strong, becoming gale:

sea very rough. We regret that it has not been

possible to include the usual weather charts in this issue.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 11°C, (52°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am, 9°C, (48°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 70 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.24in, Sun 24hr to 6 pm, 0.7hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,012.3 millibars, rising.

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Imband and Air Edmon Substription rates on request.

Search for Stonehouse Some of Mr Stonehouse's parliamentary colleagues were

Boys free after 24 hours

application continued from page 1 if they wished to see her. "I will do anything I can to help." She did not know who had been sending mail to Mr Stonehouse

in Melbourne.
The Home Office said that the Director of Public Prosecutions had made no application for Mr Stonehouse's extradition, but it is known that Scotland Yard will be investigating whether be had an accomplice who helped to obtain the false passport he used to enter Australia.

The passport was in the name of Joseph Arthur Merkham, a man who died of a heart attack earlier this year in Mr Stone-house's constituency, and the issuing of it will be investigated by the Foreign Office. Another name used by Mr Stonehouse in Melbourne, that

of Donald Clive Mildoon, was also that of a man who died in the constituency. Mr Stonehouse was said in the Melbourne court where he appeared on Thursday to have admitted "phoning round the hospitals until he found the death of a man of his own age". The Home Office said that

forging an application for a passport was an extraditable offence but falsifying one was not A search is to be started for the application form used by Mr. Stouchowse in the name by Mr Stonehouse in the name of Joseph Arthur Markham when the records department of the Passport Office opens on Monday. It will then be studied. Mrs Barbara Stonehouse, who joined her husband in Melbourne on Thursday night, is expected to remain in Australia

for a week. Her daughter, Julia, said at the family home in Andover, Hampshire, yesterday, that the family would be making no further comment. In Australia Mr Stonehouse "For two years pressures

had been building up all around me. They became unbearable. I had built up such a diverse group of companies it became too much to handle. Like every other business, cash was short, but there is no reason why I should not have won through. I was not allowed to."

Mr Stonehouse was becoming in the business world what he had been in the political world, a rising star. His biggest business venture was the launching in 1972 of the £1m banking firm, British Bangladesh Trust. which was recently renamed the London Capital Group.

Many of the group's customers are members of the Bangladesh community in Britain

trapped in wooden box Three boys used a nail to the time they counted trains on scape vesterday from a cramal line near by, played games, and sometimes prayed.

When it was dark their parents called the police. Mr Ralph Finegan and his son Ian, until the early hours.

builder's yard, on Boxing Day morning. The wind blew the lid down and the clasp dropped.

word stature. They said they were looking for six IRA members who made." a considerable number." of bombs in the house. It is thought that the

bombs were used elsewhere

A description of the woman on the left was issued with that

Police cars patrolled the roads, and officers with dogs

The three took turns at scrap-The three took turns at scrap-ing with a nail at the wood surrounding the catch. To pass a let some air in."

wondering yesterday whether he

would shortly be applying for the Chiltern Hundreds. For

affair. If he does not apply,

moves to expel him may be expected when Parliament re-

More details were disclosed

yesterday of the circumstances about the adoption by Mr Stone-house of the names of dead con-

stituents for his passport and entry to Australia. Mrs Elsie

Mildoon, a widow, of James Bridge, Staffordshire, com-mented on the use by the MP

of her late husband's name when

he was detained in a flat in

Mrs Mildoon, who keeps a

newsagent's shop, said that her husband, Donald Clive Mildoon, died last June from a heart

attack. A month or so later a

"tall and handsome-looking man" called to see her.

She continued: "I remarked later than he seemed to know a lot about my husband, as though

he had checked beforehand. I

thought at the time that this was

part of bis job. He said as he

was leaving that if I needed any

help at any time I should con-

"He explained to me that he

had called to see me to bring

his condolences, which I thought

was nice of him, and he said he

had read about my husband's

an interview and he said that he

was my MP, and wanted to ask

me a few questions about my

husband for a Bill he was pre-paring about one-parent families. He said that if I felt they were

offensive, I need not answer, but

"He asked if we had any

Mrs Jean Markham, of Lich-

field Road, Brownhills, whose

late husband's name appeared

on Mr Stonehouse's passport, declined to be interviewed

financial difficulties and seemed it is dishonourable and he particularly concerned about my should resign."

husband's medical history and Mr Harry Richards, Mr whether he had been abroad at Stonehouse's election agent. on

"He asked if he could have

death in the local paper.

none of them was.

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assembles.

From Arthur Osman

take daughter overseas choice berween her husband in

eight, of her first marriage. Her former husband succeeded in the Court of Appeal her husband went to Australia in stopping her from taking the a month ago.

them a swift end to his parlia-metary career would be the best a bankrupt or of unsound mind,

conclusion to an embarressing or takes an office of profit

Widow tells of visitor who

'brought condolences'

searched surrounding land and derelict buildings. Eventually the boys scratched

14, were out searching

a hole large enough to get a David Starkie said: "We could not move the lid, but we

Australia and the daughter, aged

child to Australia today. The mother wept in court as she told Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Ormrod: "I have to go tomorrow. I have no choice. I wish I-could stay."

be granted. There would seem to be no reason why not. The constitutional position is that an

MP cannot technically resign his

seat. He must remain an MP until Parliament is dissolved un-

yesterday. But one of her sons said: "We do not have a lot to do with politics and we cannot say whether the caller who

appeared three months after my

father's death last March was

The son, who would not be named, said the caller asked a

lot of personal questions about his father's background and

members of the family.

Mr Joseph Arthur Markham,
whose name was on Mr Stone-

house's passport, was aged 42, a foundry foreman who had

been ill for about six months

with a heart condition. His

birth certificate, issued in Bir-

mingham, showed he was born on July 12, 1932, and lived at

Paddington Street, in the Handsworth district, where his

father was a brass cap filer.
Mr Geoffrey Edge, Labour
MP for Aldridge-Brownhills,

called yesterday for an inquiry

into the circumstances sur-rounding the visits to Mrs

It was still not clear yester-

day whether Mr Stonehouse's

Labour Party colleagues at Walsall, North, would call for

his resignation at a meeting

next Friday of leading members

of the constituency party.

Several of those interviewed appeared bemused by the news

from Australia and inclined to

disbelieve any explanatory foomotes offered by members of the press about their MP.

But Mr John Brady, a leading socialist, said: "In view of Mr Stonehouse taking out this passport in August it appears

passport in August it appears to have been planned. I think

the other hand, recalled that

Mr Stonehouse had given 18 years' unblemished service as member, first for Wednesbury and more recently for Walsali,

Markham and Mrs Mildoon.

Mr Stonehouse."

under the Crown.

The father, a London accessed Divorce Court judge's decision year. on Christmas Eve that the mother could take the girl to Australia today, together with the two children of her second

Mother is refused leave to

of delay over new Australian immigration laws coming into husband before the end of the The judges made an interim order that if the mother left today the girl should stay with her father needing the full

their own cases.

No bar to stewardship of Chiltern Hundreds authority on all parliamentary matters, puts it: "These offices are today purely nominal and are ordinarily given by the Chancellor of the Exchequer

to any member who applies they are posts of honour nowadays. Again in the words of Erskine May: "All words which formerly attached honour The offices used for bringing about what is in effect a resig-nation are the stewardships of to the appointment are omitted in order to remove any scandal in granting these offices to But there was also some the Chiltern Hundreds and the in granting these offices to speculation on whether any Manor of Northstead. As persons unworthy of the favour such request from him would Erskine May, the standard of the Crown, who may desire

Mr Peter Baker, who wrote to the Speaker from Vormwood Scrubs: "I discovered to my There is no suggestion that dismay that I was unable to vacate my seat in anyway while the matter was sub julice". But Sir Barnett Cocks, a former Clerk of the House of Commons, said yesterday that within his experience there had been no case of the Chiltern Hundreds

being refused to any applicant.

Leading article, page 11 MP calls for passport loophole to be plugged

An MP yesterday called on tion about people alleged to the Home Secretary to alter have been blackmilling Mr the law as a matter of urgency to plug the loophole which enabled Mr Stonehouse to be abled Mr Stonehouse to be abled Mr Stonehouse to be abled mith a progress in the been blackmariled there should

Conservative member for Derby-shire, South-east, said.

Not only did it enable people to escape from this country into oblivion, "but it is an open invitation for people to run a racket in smuggling false passports out of this country to enable others to enter Britain illegally. He added that he would write to the Home Secretary immediately, and would raise the matter in Parliament after the Christmas recess.

He also called for a government investigation into the ex-tent to which the loophole has been exploited by people in recent years. "As I understand it, if one gets a copy of a birth certifi-

cate from Somerset House of dead man and merely ensures that he had never possessed a passport one can simply apply for a passport in his name and get it", he said. "There must now be much greater coordination between Somerset House and the Passport Office. "I want to see an inquiry

into how many passports have been issued in recent years in the names of people who are no longer alive. It should not be too difficult for the Home Office to check the register of deaths and compare this with the date on the issue of passports so that we can be reassured that false passports have not been smuggled out of the country in any quantity." Mr Tom Torney, Labour MP

so plug the loophole which enabled Mr Stonehouse to be issued with a passport in the name of a dead man.

"The ease with which this can apparently be done is frightening,", Mr Peter Rost, Conservative member for Derby. ally urgent to make sure other MPs could not be open to black-

Dr Rhodes Boyson, Conserva-tive MP for Brent, North, said last night that British passports were being sold regularly in India, Pakistan and Hongkong. "The people who sell them apply locally for replacements, without any bother "the said." This is a public disgrace." Dr Boyson has written to the Foreign Secretary, and plans to raise the matter in the Com-

mons immediately after the

What makes it worse is that last June I asked the Foreign Secretary how many United Kingdom passport helders had their passports replaced in the last five years in Cyprus, India, Pakistan, and Hongkong. I was told that the records of the numbers of passperts issued were not kept in a way which made it possible to provide this

all the bureaucracy there is in this country the Government cannot tell us the number of replaced passports issued in this way. This seems like a grave dereliction of duty on the part of the Foreign Office",

for Bradford, South, said last means of augmenting income", night that anyone with informa-

information. "It is astonishing that with

he said.

Dr Boyson said he had been told that young people in those countries, when they ran out of money, sold their British passports and applied for new ones. usually successfully, locally. "This is a regular regular of augmenting income."

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Cant HOME NEWS____ Public opinion plays part in plans for Greater Manchester

From John Chartres

One of the biggest public participation operations conducted by a local authority since the phrase was coined in Skeffington report four the Skerington report four rears ago is reaching an advanda stage in Manchester. Greater Manchester County juncil, now responsible for cructure planning that will flect the lives of 2,500,000 kuple over the next 20 years, is simplify to analyze data for

eginning to analyse data from 17,500 "attitudes survey" onducted for it by a public pinion research firm.

A million copies of a a rad-neer called Content have been itributed to every household the new county area, which retches from the Cheshire order to north of Wigan and high historically great into the order to norm or wigan and hich historically grew into the opt densely populated area of ritin with scant regard for a welfare of those living in it. Reports of the first surveys addited into such subjects as opulation trends, housing, liousing, msport, open land and eco-mic factors will probably be blished as a series of separate aklets from the spring of 75 onwards; and proposals a number of alternative ncture plans are expected to ready by the end of the year. That should enable the country produce its "preferred ion" by mid-1976, so that all public discussions can take the country before it has to be ice on it before it has to be mitted to the Government

the end of that year.
\ second attitudes survey will bably be conducted in 1976 or the alternative structure or have been published. he first survey has involved eviewing 2,000 people on h subjects as bousing, emment, education, shopping

n Our Correspondent

vo people who died trying

rescue others were post-

ously awarded memorial

ficates by the Carnegie

r James Corbett, aged 26,

ied, a fire protection ghtsman of Sunbury-on-

nes, was drowned while try-

to save a young woman in Thames at Sunbury on

Fund Trust yesterday.

minutes. Subjects were selected carefully, with a balance given to communities with similar backgrounds and difficulties on the "cluster" principle.

Further broadsheers will be Further broadsheets will be issued at various stages of the preparation of the structure plan, and from the whole process the planning team at the new county hall in the centre of Manchester city hopes to draw in a broad idea of people's views and wishes and build them into the scheme although the into the scheme although the planners emphasize that final decisions will still lie with the elected councillors.

They certainly do not expect to be able to please all the people all of the time, and agree that structure planning, because of its necessarily broad and general terms, is probably one of the most difficult local authority functions to explain

"It becomes much easier to awaken interest when you get down to the painting of double yellow lines on someone's shopping street or work out precisely where you are going to put school or a swimming bath said Mr Harry Fenton, assistant planning officer directly responsible for the participation opera

Each of Greater Manchester's 10 district councils is being allocated the back page of regional editions of the broad-sheet to set out local difficulties. Most district councils are also now publishing civic newspapers in which detailed local planning

ideas are described. "There is still a pretty vast barrier of suspicion about planning to be overcome. Mr Fenton said. The first thing we are trying to do is to get away from jargon. There is no magic in the word participation. It is really lities and pollution; each in-iew lasting about 45 tion process."

wards for would-be rescuers who died

several times before they drifted apart. The woman was

rescued by another boat but Mr

Corbett sank.
His citation said: "Mr Cor-

bett's heroic efforts in swim-

ming rapidly to the drowning

remain afloat himself."

In brief

New factory for Flixborough

Humberside County Council has approved plans to build an ammonium sulphate plant on the site of the devastated Flixborough chemical factory, where 28 men died in an explosion seven months ago. More than 70 people from villages affected by the blast submitted written objections to

I rain kills patient

Mrs Janet Catherine Curtis, aged 53, of Sorn Hill, Sarn, Bridgend, a patient, walked unnoticed from a hospital yester-day, was killed on the railway 50 yards away by an express

Fishing takeover

A fishing stretch on the apper river Wensum between Attlebridge and Ringland has been acquired by the Auglian water authority for a trial period of a year.

Man dies in prison

Robin Ian Gorton, aged 29, remanded in custody at Birmingham magistrates' court on Christmas Eve charged with possessing drugs, died yester-day in Birmingham prison.

Wild boar killed

A wild boar which escaped 12 hours earlier from Coventry Zoo was found dead yesterday on the railway near by having been apparently hit by a train.

Education pay

A four-page inset on Houghton report, with full details of the new salary scales technics is published today in The Times Higher Education

and reached her, but she midnight on June 22 her elec-struggled and both went under tric blanket began to smoulder. tric blanket began to smoulder. She put the blanket and sheets in the bathroom to soak and sprinkled water on the mattress but about four hours later after they had all gone back to bed Mrs Mitchell awoke to find the house filled with smoke. Her daughters made their way

woman and supporting her until ther daugnters made their way to the ground floor but the visit-ing child refused to do so through the smoke. Mrs Mitchell, who was waiting to enter hospital for an operation, belp came exhausted him to a point where he was unable to Mrs Margaret Mirchell, aged 43, a housewife, was at her home in Woodford Square, Kenwent back to the top floor to 'i Mr Corbett and some sington, London, with her two lead her down. They became socialist regime. This yes is had hired for the after-daughters, aged 15 and 10, and trapped and were overcome by province of Limburg an knowing she was unable a nine-year-old friend of her smoke and fumes. Mrs city of Eindhoven refus im. he dived fully clothed younger daughter when at about Mitchell's husband was abroad.

WEST EUROPE.

W Germans spend 300m marks a year to be frightened

Bonn, Dec 27

Although the West Germans were as tull of Christmas spirit as anybody else this year, you had to look hard to find any signs of it in their favourite newspaper. As I write, I have before me editions of the daily lild Zeitung and its Sunday sister-paper, Bild am Suratag. Bild Zeitung is often loosely. Bild Zcitung is often loosely likened to the Daily Mirror—and this strikes the objective observer as a little hard on the British paper. The only things the two have in common are colossal circulations and a taste for fat headlines and a taste for fat headlines and saucy pictures. Politically, they could hardly be farther apart. The Bild sells four million copies a day, so probably 10 million people—one-sixth of the West Courses are translations. the West German population-

An intelligent reader of German could probably get through it in four minutes, or what is on television. It rarely runs to more than eight text sive pages.

size pages.

Bild am Sonntag is much blind fatter, and at the equivalent of 17p a copy, four times as much as the daily, regales its readers with the latest broken royal marriages, war serials and the private lives of people in show business. The Sunday newspaper uses such large type that there is never room for any actual text on the front red.

page—just headlines. On Sunday, December 15, a huge headline occupying half the front page said: "Thus died Fritz Szepan", who was a footballer. Above that, a smaller headline reported: "Princess

Grace badly ill."
The essential character of The essential character of the paper is to serve as the leading national angst machine. Clearly the West Germans like to have a frightener put on them each day; otherwise it could be assumed that they would not spend 300 million

would not spend son million marks a year buying it.

For me the headline of the year care out last month. In the very fattest size of type in its considerable arsenal, underscored in red ink (which seems to be gilding fine gold a little), the main headline said: politicians shot dead." worked out that this would just about cover the entire Upper House plus the Federal Cabiner. Then I read in the accompany-ing report that the massacre had occurred in Ethiopia.

To return to the present on Thursday last week the main headline said: "Woman goes headline said: "Woman goe; blind through the pill", which should have frightened a few million people here. Yet it is strange how a Bonn

correspondent tends, on arrival at the office, to turn to Bild first of all the papers. At least he can be sure that it will inject a little colour into the morning -even if that colour is blood



rescue miner tries to comfort a dead colleague's wife in Liévin, northern France.

Restaurant prices are frozen in Paris

From Our Own Correspondent

Paris, Dec 27 The price of a meal or a drink in a Paris restaurant or café is to be frozen from Thurs-

day until March 31. M Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the Minister of Economics and Finance, ordered the freeze today after his price inspectors reported that restaurant prices had gone up in Paris on average by more than 16 per cent in a 12-month period ending October, although the retailers' prices of their provisions showed only on 11 per cent

During October Lurisian restaurateurs were increasing their prices at an annual equivalent of more than 30 per cent, the inspectors found.

The Federation of Paris
Hotel, Restaurant, and Cafe Proprietors indicated today that its members would accept a three-wonth standstill, but if it was prolonged there would be

The federation claimed that notwithstanding the recent price increases the running of a Paris restaurant was becoming steadily less profitable.

M Fourcade today also ordered a tightened watch on

shopkcepers' profit margins. They must, he said, in future

Dutch subsidy to 'Marxist' group | South Moluccans attack

From Sue Masterman The Hague, Dec 27

The award of a Government subsidy by Mr Harry van Doorn, the Dutch Minister of Culture, to the theatre workshop group Prologue has ended a period of collaboration between the Government and the Opposition, which lasted through the oil crisis and its economic consequences.

Prologue is an experimental group operating in the south of the Netherlands. It performs mainly for schools and working men's clubs, and its message is clear-capitalism is the root of all evil and life for the working classes will only become tolerable under a socialist regime. This year the province of Limburg and the city of Eindhoven refused to

The subsidizing of experitudes, and Prologue took both theatre mental cultural forms which are not self-supporting, is general practice in the Netherlands. Only professional entertainment is supposed to pay for itself.

Early in December, just before the Ministry of Culture was due to announce its decision on Prologue's application for a state subsidy to replace the local subsidies which the group had been refused, the attack was launched. Mrs Phia van Veenendaal, a Democratic Socialist MP gave her opinion of Prologue in an interview with De Telegraaf, Holland's leading daily newspaper. She was quoted as accusing Prolo-gue of being a Marxist cover organization, and taking part in irregular activities.

Subsequent classies between the newspaper, the politician and the theatre workshop brought a hardening of atti-

theatre projects, the newspaper and the political to court. On December 16. De Telegrauj was ordered to publish an apology on its front page, which it did. A week onal entertainment is later on December 22, where the dependent of the page for itself. Veenendaal was ordered by the judge not to repeat any of the accusations which she could not substantiate in court.

Within hours, Mr van Doorn announced that the state had awarded Prologue a grant; but he added that it was temporary because Prologue, as a regional theatre, should be supported from regional tunds.

Since then the press has been searching for evidence against Prologue, while the ranks of the Democratic Socialists have been divided into those who think that Mrs van Veenendaal should resign and those who believe that there is more to the affair than political shadow boxing.

World Court building Later 500 demonstrators, hurl-

strators demanding indepen-dence for the south Molucca islands from Indonesia did serious damage to the head-quarters of the International Court of Justice in the Peace Palace in The Hugue today.

About 30 people from Ambon, one of the Moluccas, smashed their way through the glass doors at the entrance of the building and burled fire bombs into a room on the first floor, badly burning a Turkish carpet 540ft square.

They wrecked the mechanism of the clock in the mock medieval tower, shattered priceless huge Chinese vases in the Japanese room, and smashed the tall candelabra set along the staircase leading to the first

palace administrator said that it was impossible to republic in exile.-Reuter and estimate the cost of the damage.

ing stones and fire bombs clashed outside the Indonesian Embassy with 150 steel-helmeted police. Eight arrests were made. The demonstrators had

massed outside the office of Mr Joop den Uyl, the Prime Minister. A small deputation was allowed in to present a perition calling for the island's independence and the treeing of political prisoners in Indonesia, to the Secretary General of the Dutch adminstrative

A spokesman for the demon strators said that they were protesting against alleged tor-ture of south Moluccaus in Indonesia

South Moluccans living in Holland have set up their own

Saddam Hussein on Gold and International Monetary System

Mr. Saddam Hussein, Vice-Chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council in the Republic of Iraq, made the following statement to the Iraqi News Agency on December 26th on the question of gold and the international monetary system.

Mr. Saddam Hussein said:

"We are following the new developments in the gold policy and the interests of the under-developed countries, including the oil-producing countries

"Any country or any group of countries that take any step leading to the intensification of inflation in the world should in our opinion, bear the responsibility of such an action.

"Iraq has repeatedly announced at OPEC and other meetings that the continuation of inflation in the advanced industrial countries would lead, directly or indirectly, to a rise in the prices of manufactured goods, raw materials, foodstuffs and energy, thus increasing the financial burdens of the under-developed countries.

"We do not agree to individualist remedies to the gold policy carried out outside a general international agreement, because though such remedies might lead to the creation of monetary liquidity in the advanced countries, yet they

will inflict harm on the under-developed countries, at least in two aspects: firstly, decreasing the issuance of new private withdrawals that are distributed to the underdeveloped countries, and secondly, increasing the monetary and financial burdens as a result of the rise in the rate of inflation and the deterioration of the standard of living of the peoples of these countries.

"Individual remedies might also drive at enabling the industrial countries to avoid their responsibilities for extending the necessary technical and economic aid to the under-developed countries and at switching the whole burden of these responsibilities upon the oil-producing countries that will themselves become victims of the rise in the rates of inflation.

"We call upon all under-developed countries, particularly the oil-producing countries, to unify their efforts and activities-through the Transitional Committee for Reformation of the World Monetary System, the United Nations or any other international organizations—to stress the need for remedying the question of gold and world monetary liquidity within the framework of an international general agreement."

December 26th

Repercussions of alleged domestic spying by CIA may affect future of leading US politicians

From Patrick Brogan Washington, Dec 27

President Ford is still examining a report on alleged illegal activities by the Central Intelligence Agency prepared by Mr William Colby, its director. He has yet to decide whether to publish it, and in what form, but there can be little doubt that it will appear in print fairly soon.

The allegations made by The New York Times are far too serious to be allowed to rest without full investigation. Several congressional committees are bound to demand to see Mr Colby's report-and Mr Colby. It is therefore not to be supposed that the secret will be kept much longer.

The newspaper said that it had discovered that the CIA had had discovered that the CIA had files on 10,000 Americans, maintained by spying on them. This would be illegal, because the CIA is forbidden to carry out investigations inside the United behind them.

States.

Spokesmen, official and unofficial, for Dr James Schlesinger, who was director of the agency from January to May, 1973, and for Mr Colby, who succeeded him, have claimed that all illegal activities were

strike

airline

halts El Al

Tel Aviv, Dec 27 .- El Al Air-

Eleven of El Al's 13 Boeing

747, 727 and 720 jet aircraft

were grounded at Ben-Gurion

airport and the remaining two

were due to arrive home today. Passengers holding El Al tickets were put on flights by other foreign carriers.

It was the first strike in Israel

since the Government an-nounced a widespread austerity programme and devalued the

pound by 43 per cent on Novem-

The suspension of world-wide operations went into effect refused to obey a Government call to end their slowdown.

"It was a drastic move, but it would have been more drastic to fire them all ", said an El Al

simply want more money than the management can give them,

but they do not want to say so

jail deaths report

because times are had "

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Dec 27

The Chargé d'Affaires of Equatorial Guinea denied in

Madrid today allegations that

hundreds of his compatriots had been killed by order of Presi-

dent Francisco Macias Nguema. But he agreed that a num-

ber of the President's political

The diplomat, Mr Carmello Nyono Nca Manene, also said

that "There are not more than

15 political prisoners" in the

country. It gained independ-

ence from Spain in 1968. He added, however, that "subver-sion" against the lifetime Presi-

He said that a number of political figures had died after

two unsuccessful coups. Some, he alleged, had been involved in both plots, including Mr Antonio Edhjo Edu, a member

of a provincial council, and Mr Marcos Mba Obiang, a police

inspector. The names of both

appeared on a list of executed.

dent was being suppressed.

lines today grounded all its air-

craft under a government order because of a dispute with maintenance workers who staged a slowdown over demands for stopped as soon as they dis- 1974, the Senate permanent in-

The blame is thus shifted back on to the shoulders of Mr Richard Helms, their predeces-sor, now Ambassador to Iran. However, many strange things

happened, including a large number of suspicious burglaries, as recently as last summer. If it is proved that any of them were the work of the CIA's illegal counter-intelligence arm, then Dr Schlesinger, now Secret-ary of Defence, may lose his job.

If it emerges that the fruits of these investigations, and the way in which they were carried out, were reported to the President's National Security Council, then its chairman, Dr Henry Kissinger, may suddenly be in serious trouble.

A partial list of mysterious burglaries was published in the magazine Rolling Stone in October. The magazine did magazine Rolling Stone in October. The magazine did not claim that the CIA was involved, suggesting instead that the "plumbers", who car-ried out the Watergate burglaries, and perhaps the FBI were

The best known of these burglaries were carried out against a number of Chilean diplomats in 1972

Among the victims of suspicious burglaries in 1973 and 1974 were the organization Common Cause, in February,

vestigations (whose chairman is Senator Henry Jackson) in July, 1974, Senator Lowell Weicker in April, 1973, Mr Tad Szulc, a reporter, in February, 1973, lawyers representing various alleged conspirators (the Rev Daniel Berrigan, the Quakers, the Seattle 7, the Detroit 13, and so on).

The curious thing about all these burglaries is that papers were ransacked or stolen but valuables were left behind. If America had not just gone through Watergate this would be the biggest every of the be the biggest story of the decade. Even so, it is going to have some very considerable repercussions.

Washington, Dec 27.—Representative Michael Harrington, Massachusetts Democrat, toa Massachusetts Democrat, to-day filed a law suit against Mr Colby, Dr Kissinger and Mr William Simon, the Treasury Secretary. In the suit he alleged that the CIA had violated its charter by engag-ing in activities other than strict intelligence gathering. The suit named Dr Kissinger in his capacity as national in his capacity as national security adviser to the President, and Mr Simon because the Treasury disburses funds

to the agency, even though Congress had not specifically authorized this practice.—

Maintenance | Minister rejects charge of leniency to junta men

From Our Correspondent Athens, Dec 27

Mr Evanghelos Averoff, the Greek Defence Minister, to-night rejected accusations that he had enabled members of the deposed junta to survive within the Army by showing leniency

ing both through the courts, in superiors, but also because of cases involving penal offences, and by way of administrative moments." or disciplinary punishment

He had, he recalled, sus-pended some 40 senior officers through a "summary and Draconian procedure", put on

retirement some 50 general officers, ordered unfavourable transfers for several other officers, and decreed the reinstatement of dozens of democratic officers ousted by the juma, who were being assigned to key

and favouritism towards officers responsible for the dictatorship.

In a statement Mr Averoff said that retribution against the retribution against that retribution against the retribution a junta ringleaders was cominuing the recommendation of their

Two of the cases had been prompted by humanitarian considerations. Mr Averoff said he had no doubt that mistakes had

Dr Soares on mission of reconciliation in India

From Michael Hornsby

guese Foreign Minister arrived in India today on what he described as an historic mission of peace and reconciliation to restart a dialogue which has a tradition of centuries.

spokesman. The manpower issue was a "pure, unadultera-In a first round of talks with Mrs Gandhi, the Prime Minister, Dr Soares discussed the draft of a treaty providing for a resumption of Indo-Portuguese diplomatic relations, which he is expected to sign next Tues-

Bone broken — Mr Rabin, Israel's Prime Minister, broke his right collarbone in a fall at his suburban home in Tel Aviv The treaty also will recognize formally Indian sovereignty over the former Portuguese enclaves of Goa, Diu and Daman, which were wrested today, doctors said. He was fitted with a plaster cast in

Mr Ncá Manene said that about 10 people had died in connexion with the latest plot, but he maintained that they

committed suicide. He claime

that Dr Manuel Kombe Mandje, former technical director of the Ministry of Health, whose name is also on the list of victims,

had supplied poison to his

Mr Ncá Manene is the only

diplomatic representative of his

country in Europe. He agreed

that two Roman Catholic bishops, one of them an African, and a number of Catholic missionaries had left

the country, some of them ex-

pelled, because the Church had been engaged in subversion.

The Bishop of Malabo (formerly Santa Isabel), Mgr Gómez Marijuan, was expelled in 1970 because he opposed the Brandon and in the Brandon and in

the President's policies publicly.

The Bishop of Bata, Mgr Rafael Maria Nze Abuy, an

African, had left the country in 1972 "for reasons of health",

from Lisbon's control by Indian troops in 1961. complaint, accusing India of aggression, which was lodged with the United Nations Security Council by the previous

Dr Soares said that his one-hour meeting with Mrs Gandhi had been very friendly as he pressed his country's desire to build a basis for fruitful cooperation with India Although the new Portu-

guese Government has recog-nized in principle Delhi's sovereignty over Goa and the other former colonies, certain legal questions remain to be clarified before this recognition can be formalized

Ousted Thailand leader to face charges

From Our Correspondent
Bangkok, Dec 27
Field-Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, the former Prime Minister of Thailand, is reported to be under determion after his unexpected return from exile to

Bangkok today. Dr Prakob Hutasingh, the Deputy Prime Minister, announced after an emergency Cabinet session lasting four hours that Marshal Thanom would be detained while charge were drawn up against him for his involvement in the suppression of student demonstrations which preceded his departure from Thailand in October last

Dr Prakob said that the marshal visited his ailing father,

The events of the past year

have evidently persuaded the Chinese leadership to question the merits of too much dependence on the West for

support in the continuing political struggle with Moscow.

As a result, Peking has begun playing down its pub-licly expressed fears of the

Soviet Union, though without relaxing its ideological hosti-lity, and has appeared less

enthusiastic about the three-

year-old rapprochement with

Internally, 1974 has been a

year of sharp political swings,

not to be compared with the upheavals of 1966, but disturb-

ing none the less. After the strong emphasis on "struggle"

during the first half of the

year, when many leading figures in the provinces were

attacked by name in wall pos-

ters, the leadership strongly propagated the ideas of har-

mony and unity in the second

The xenophobic spasm which

soured China's foreign rela-

tions in the early months of

the year was soon forgotten. It

was probably related to some

internal political conflict.

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the United States.

From David Bonavia

Peking, Dec 27

hand in tussle with world's superpowers the Secretary of State. They

ted by President Sadat last

night as War Minister to suc-ceed Field Marshal Ahmed

Ismail, who died in London on Wednesday of lung cancer. It will be the general's first mis-

sion abroad as War Minister.

Last October he accompanied Mr Fahmi to Moscow for talks

at the Kremlin, and this led to Mr Brezhnev's acceptance of President Sadat's invitation to

Before his appointment General Gamassi was Chief of Staff of the armed forces and

worked closely with the late Field Marshal Ismail in plan-ning and carrying out the Arab offensive against Israel on October 6, 1973.

President Sadat (extreme left in first row of civilians) marches in the funeral procession in Cairo for Field Marshal Ismail. Next to

General Gamassi's departure coffin was put on the carriage to Moscow will come about 24 after prayers at the mosque; hours after the funeral of Field and crowds stood on pare-

Upsets on the rocky road to détente

US senator scores a victory but overplays his

From Frank Vogl United States Economics Correspondent

Funeral in

Cairo of

war hero

Cairo, Dec 27

From Our Correspondent

the Soviet Party leader.

Lieutenant-General Muhammad Abdul Ghani al-Gamassi, Egypr's new War Minister, flies to Moscow tomorrow on an urgent mission at the invitation of Mr Leonid Brezhnev,

The authoritative daily news-

paper Al Alram said today that Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Foreign Minister, also would leave with

General Gamassi for talks with

the Russian leaders on the Middle East and to discuss pre-parations for Mr Brezhnev's

Washington, Dec 27 The Ninety-third Congress passed the Trade Reform Bill and the Export-Import Bank

people breathed a heavy sigh of relief. Both are important for the development of world

trade.
The former paves the way the main international ations in the new year. The \$20,000m latter makes (£8,200m) in soft loans available, over the next four years, for foreign investment ventures by American companies — North Sea oil development will be one of American

many projects to directly. But both Bills also have direct relevance to East-West détente and, thanks to closing amendments, both are in many

respects provocative. The Soviet leadership has demon-strated clearly that it is in both pieces of legislation. Senior Administration offi-cials in Washington profess anxiety that the déteute road may well be a lot more bumpy than they had hoped. The Trade Reform Bill took

more than 20 months to get through Congress, with the delay due primarily to an amendment by Senator Henry Jackson which tied trade concessions for communist countries directly to giving advance assurances of the relaxation of emigration restrictions.

The amendment was in-tended by its sponsors to be seen as an attempt by Congress to interfere in the domestic policies of repressive countries.

To minimize the humiliation, the Russians made secret agreements with President Ford and Dr Henry Kissinger,

accepted a formula that they were sure would meet the requirements of Congress, while not causing too much embarrassment. They gave firm assurances, in private, that they would abide by their tion.

These laws are explicit. They do not include the imposition special taxes on would-be emigrants, they are based on the concept that visas will be wish to emigrate, and they carry no provisions whatever allowing harassment or punishment of would be emigrants. The Soviet leaders also state

that they would give no assurances whatever on the number of emigrams each year, because, they claimed, they had no means of assessing the demand for visas. They pretended that the outlook was for a decline.

The Soviet leaders could insist to the world that they had not given special assurances under United States congres-sional pressure, simply because they already had liberal emigration laws on the books. Senator Jackson could be satisfied because the Soviet leaders had made it clear in American leaders, so Dr Kissinger said, that for the first time they would abide by both the letter and the spirit of those emigration laws.

All would have been well, had Senator Jackson not been so interested in boosting his chances of becoming the next President of the United States. Dr Kissinger warned Senator Jackson repeatedly not to give the impression that the Soviet-leaders were changing their policies because of his efforts, nor to heighten the false imthat the Soviet

assurances on the numbers of emigrants.
The volume of loans to be obtained from the export-im-port bank depended on the

Thousands of mourners, including Field Marshal Ismail's comrades in arms, walked in the mile-long funeral procession.

coffin draped in the red, white

awarded posthumously to him by President Sadat.

There were sobs as

terms of a new Bill governing the bank. A Bill to extend its life for another four years had in several congressional committees since early last summer, with heated arguments on whether Congress should re-strict the volume of loans the bank could grant to the Soviet

Proponents of this view argued that it was absurd to give 7 per cent loans to companies to develop energy in Siberia, when those same companies would have to pay 10 per cent, or more, on loans to develop energy within the United States.

The counter argument was simply and powerfully that the loans would stimulate trade beween the super-powers and thereby create a nexus of agreements that both sides would have greater interest in preserving and expanding than

estroying. The Russians were furious. Tass carried its report of the private letter on emigration from Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to Dr Kissinger. The aim, possibly, to get Congress and Administration worried and force a vote against the bank limitations.

time, the Soviet Ambassador lodged a protest over the bank with Dr Kissinger, who, too late, was apprised of the un-

On Tuesday, as the clock seemed set against any bank Bill passing through Congress, the White House capitulated accepting that it was worth accepting limits on Soviet loans to obtain the Bill as a accepting whole. The Secretary of was still unaware it seems. The Secretary of State

him are the two sons of the man eulogized in the Arab world for his conduct of the 1973 war against Israel. ments, balconies and other vanrisit to Cairo, one on January Marshal Ismail, who was buried tage points, silently carrying banners saluting the Arab hero who honourably and gloriously fulfilled his with full military honours to-day. The corrège was led by President Sadat, high ranking Arab officials and Army chiefs. gloriously fulfilled mission". Cairo radio

television broadcast verses of the Koran and martial music. There has been no indication Detachments of military police lined the route and took the salute as the procession passed with the Field Marshal's in Cairo so far whether General Gamassi will be appointed to the post of commander-in-chief of the Egyptian and combined Arab forces which was held by Field Marshal Ismail. However, the company of the Congress of the Congr and black Egyptian flag.

The coffin was placed on a gun carriage, which was followed by an officer carrying a cushion with the late commander's medals. They included the Collar of the Republic, awarded posthumously to him observers believe that General Gamassi, who enjoys President Sadar's confidence, might be given the two posts besides the War Ministry portfolio.

Cairo, Dec 27.—Cairo police roday used tear gas to disperse a crowd of several hundred a crowd or several nundred stone-throwing youths who were protesting at not being allowed to join the funeral march.—Reuter.

S Africans

'shot by guerrilla who broke truce '

Johannesburg, Dec 27.—The four South African policemen killed in Rhodesia on Christmas Eve were shot dead by a black nationalist who did not approve of the ceasefire in Rhodesia's guerrilla war, un-Daily Mail'reported here

the newspaper said that the facts of the killing, which marred what had appeared to be a truce in Rhodesia's two-year-old war in the border zone, were brought back to base by Police Constable C. G. C. Grobbler, who had been with the four other policemen but escaped with minor

The leading vehicle was flagged down by an unarmed guerrilla who told the police-men that he wanted to give himself up under "terms of himself up under the ceasefire ".

well armed, stepped out of the bush and at gunpoint made the security officers put down their weapons", the newspaper said The discussion on the cease-fire continued "with one of the

Africans " Four policemen died on the

spot, while PC Grobbler managed to escape. The Rhodesian African policeman with the group is still missing. According to one version, he jumped into a nearby river and drowned when the guerrillas appeared.— Agence France Presse.

In a report from Salisbury,

wounds. According to the account the

five South Africans and at least one black Rhodesian policeman were patrolling in three vehicles in the Rushinga the north-eastern operational zone.

At this point, a "gang of possibly a dozen terrorists, all

terrorists arguing strongly against the ceasefire. After a while this man, who carried a machine gun, indicated that the talking was over and opened fire at close range on the South

businesses. Most of this would be insured with local companies, some of them subsidiaries of United Kingdom insurance groups such as Commercial Union. Lloyd's itself had only a minor direct exposure to these claims. But many of the local companies would have reinsured with Lkoyd's, the spokesman said. It would take several months before the extent of these claims were known.

Escaped convict

shoots two women dead From Our Own Correspondent New York, Dec 27 A farmer's wife and he

daughter were found shot des near Michigan City, Indian last night after being hei **le ter seven hours** by a escaped convict. A secon daughter, who had also bee held hostage, was foun unharmed, but was taken if hospital suffering from shock." The police said afterward

Threat of

in waterless

city's water pipes and plumbing

Singapore, Dec 27. — Un-

opened presents under the Christmas tree, houses destroyed by howling winds and strange escapes from the cyclone. These were the stories

told by Britons evacuated to Singapore tonight from Darwin. Mrs Halina Davies, of Swan-

sea, said that she and her family had sought refuge under

a mattress all night as the cy-

clone tore down their house

piece by piece.

Mrs Jennifer Shackleford said that her husband, Roger, had sat on a lavatory seat for

four hours supporting the crumbling ceiling with his shoulders. The family squeezed into the lavatory, the last refuge

in the house.

Anne Collins, aged 15, of Northampton, said that her family were about to open their Christmas presents. Then the wind blew and the roof caved

in. . . . We just had time to try

presents."

She was one of the 38 Britons

on board an RAF Nimrod jet

which evacuated them yester

One family possessed only a large cardboard box with noth

ing but dolls inside. Most of the

families had brought only a couple of suitcases. The six men, 11 women and

21 children are expected to fly back to Britain on civilian

flights tomorrow and Sunday. A second RAF aircraft was due

in Singapore tomorrow with more British evacuees.— Reuter.

Our Business News Staff write

A spokesman for Lloyd's in London yesterday estimated that the claims on the London

insurance market, arising from

the Darwin disaster, while sub-stantial, would be "in no way

catastrophic. The bulk of the damage was

to homes, offices and small

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and save ourselves—not ti

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they had talked to the wome half an hour before. The escaper had given assurance that they would not be harmed There was a possibility, a official said, that they had trie

to overpower the man, who have been bleeding profusely from cut he received while breaking a glass door. He had bee, serving a 10 to 20 year sentenc for armed robbery.

The farm had been surround ded by police. In the course of

the seven hours they spoke b telephone to the prisoner and to the hostages, and persuade the prisoner to surrender. He came out of the house and the house an dropped two guns.

Esther Williams driving charge

Ventura 27.—Esther California, Williams, swimming film star of 1940s, was arrested for drunken driving shortly before 1940s, midnight on Christmas eve police revealed today.

Miss Williams, aged 5/
failed a sobriety test, and wa
taken to the Ventura Count
Jail. She was released yester
day on bail of \$300 (£130).

South Vietnam alarmed by big military losses

Saigon, Dec 27.-The loss of five district capitals in less than a fortnight prompted President Thieu today to label the communist actions a " very serious " Offensive.

The latest town to fall was Don Luan, a crossroads town some 60 miles north of Saigon. It gave the communists control of most of Phuoc Long province. which stretches towards Saigon from the Cambodian border, military sources said.

The loss came less than 24 hours after the communist capture of Tanh Linh, a busy market town east of Saigon.

The military command gave no casualty figures for either battle, as militiamen straggled back to government lines. But military sources said Government losses were particularly heavy at Tanh Linh, where most of two militia battalions were still unaccounted for.

President Thieu, addressing

The fall of Don Luan, a poter tial gateway for the movemen of equipment towards Saigor left only an isolated garriso holding out in the Phuoc Lon district capital. When Communist troops car

tured it earlier in the war bi Government units took heav casualties in a month-long can paign to wrest it back, militar sources said. They were fighting then wit

American air and logistic support, but with the United State physical presence ended an concern over future military ai levels, the Government Arm may face a hard time, th

sources said. Mr John Marks, the America co-author of a controversial bool on the United States Centra Intelligence Agency, left here today after being asked to de so by the police, a Governmen official said. He was declared persona non grata and left fight

Mr Marks, who wrote The Cl and the Cult of Intelligence wit Victor Marchetti, entered Sout Vietnam after airport police ha failed to notice his name on th list of those barred from Sout Vietnam, an official said.-

Mr Miki's plan to put his party's house in order

people distributed in Madrid by and did not wish to return. He

Equatorial Guinea denies

opponents had been executed or fellow plotters for the mass had died in jail.

From Peter Hazelhurst Tokyo, Dec 27

Taking another step to refurbish the tarnished image of Japan's ruling Liberal Dem-ocratic Party, Mr Takeo Miki, the Japanese Prime Minister, asked party executives today to examine a vague and tentative plan to curb corporate donations to political parties.

The plan was submitted to

the party hierarchy almost five months after the Liberal Democrats suffered an election setback in July when many of Japan's biggest industrial com-bines and trading houses pumped huge fortunes into politics to finance the ruling party's campaign. Under Mr Miki's new plan

to reform political morality, organizations will be allowed transitory period of three native village.

years. During the transitory period political donations by corporate organizations will be restricted on the basis of the size of the firm. Mr Miki has also suggested

that all expenses by political parties should be settled by cheque. According to the Home

Ministry's latest statistics, 1,373 political organizations, including the five main parties, received £77m in the first six months of the year before large sums of money were injected into election campaigns in July. Yesterday Mr Miki took an

unprecedented step and published details of his assets. He holds shares in a broadcassting company, a property firm and owns two homes in Tokyo, three to accept donations only from villas in the country and a small individual supporters after a office building in Tokushima, his has undergone its biggest currencies. Peking appears change since the disgrace and short of funds and foreign death of the late Marshal Lin trade has been in the dol-Piao in 1971.

China has second thoughts about US links

Mr Chou En-lai, the Prime Minister, has had his work load severely cut since May when it was first disclosed that he was seriously ill, though the nature of his illness has never been revealed officially.

Since then, Mr Teng Hsiao ping, who was disgraced as secretary-general of the Communist Party seven years ago and rehabilitated only last year as a Deputy Prime Minister, has become the most pro-minent among those leaders who are publicly active. Chairman Mao Tse-tung, who

was 81 yesterday, apparently left Peking in August to take up residence in Wuhan and make preparations for the long-delayed National People's This Congress, last convened 10 years ago, appears to have been put off yet again, perhaps

until late January or February.

been a year of mixed perfor-

On the economic side it has

mance. year, but apparently not by a very big margin. The financial ras probably related to some crisis of the Western powers natural political conflict.

The face of the leadership affecting export markets and drums.

Internationally China has tried to go on consolidating its confident in the deterrent image as a champion of the power of its nuclear weapons Third World But its support for the oil exporting nations— China is rapidly becoming one—has sat ill with its calls for a better deal on behalf of the poor countries. China has seen Western

Europe, in whose development it had recently pinned much faith, seriously weakened by the oil crisis and possibly flag-ging in its determination to resist Soviet political expansion. China's perception of the

threat to Europe apparently explains the country's puzzling shift of tactics towards Moscow. After a period of many months in which Peking gave warning almost daily of a Soviet "sur-prise attack" against China, Chinese officials how blandly disclaim ever having believed

They emphasize that the main Soviet threat is to Europe and that it is the West that should be on its guard.

But they have not reduced in any way the daily barrage of propaganda against Moscow in American unwillingness every sphere. The latest pro- move faster in the matter. propaganda against Moscow in

nouncements on the border issue are as hard as they have ever heen There is good reason to believe that China is already

and delivery systems in the event of Soviet threats.

Peking's biggest disappointment in 1974 was probably the growing accord between Washington and Moscow on a number of issues, such as dis-armament and the Middle East. This can only contribute to a feeling that China is being squeezed out of the influentia position in world affairs which seemed to be promised after Peking took its seat at the United Nations.

The visit to Peking by Dr Henry Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, who Henry came virtually empty handed after the Soviet-American summit near Vladivostok, symbo-lized the reasons for China's disappointment The promise of a visit next

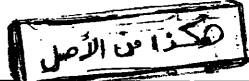
year by President Ford is of little value unless it can be linked with some more substantial progress over the Taiwan issue. Chinese officials have been hinting strongly at disillusionment the

military academy graduates at Dalat, said the fighting was an offensive, not just usual ceasefire violations, and called for a return of "the fighting spirit of 1972", when the communists last launched a big campaign.

Bangkok.

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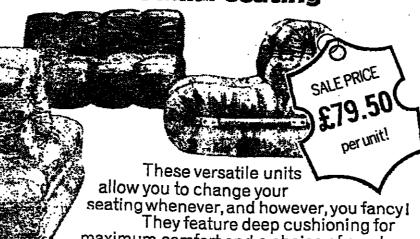
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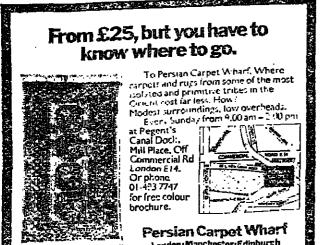
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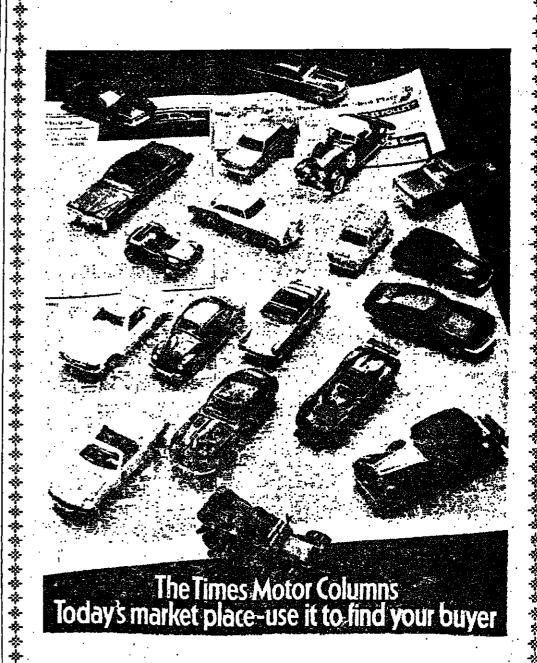
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Pussy Owl sings opera

by Brigid Brophy

"This is the one". Mr Pumpelwitz said, pausing beside a doorway that was larger Peach asked the pianist. and more public-looking than the others in the street. "I'm sure this is the one

It saw him go in at."

I saw him go in at."

Mrs Frax put her shopping bag down: "One moment", Mr Melba said, holdon the pavement and surveyed the porch. ing up his hand. "I'm sorry to delay the
"It was exactly here", Mr Pumpelwitz candidates. Indeed, I'm sorry to delay you, "It was exactly here", Mr Pumpelwitz said.

Mrs Frax looked upwards and read the lettering over the door.

"This is it", she cried. She tucked her umbrella beneath her arm, snatched up her shopping bag and ran towards the

Mr Pumpelwitz read the lettering, which said PEACH-MELBA SCHOOL OF OPERA, and hurried after Mrs Frax. Mr Peach said. "Particularly if Mr They pushed one each of a handsome Tripple were playing bass chords." OPERA, and hurried after Mrs Frax. brown glass swing doors and entered a foyer.

"Can I help you?" asked a woman who was sitting behind a reception desk. "Yes, please", Mr Pumpelwitz replied, Melba. approaching the desk in a business-like way. "Have you seen—Well, has a—It's rather hard to explain—".

"Mr Pumpelwitz", Mrs Frax called from another part of the foyer, "there's a notice here that says 'To the Auditions '.

"That'll be where he is". Mr Pumpel-witz said, running to join Mrs Frax and " giving a goodbye smile to the receptionist. "One moment, please", the receptionist said. She stood up behind her desk. "The auditions, which Mr Peach and Mr Melba are holding at present, are for candidates who wish to enter the School Are you candidates?

"Not personally", Mrs Frax replied, setting off down a corridor in the direction pointed by the notice. "But it's important we get to the auditions in

"Are you the parents or guardians of a candidate?"

"No". Mr Pumpelwitz said, rather

"We're friends of a candidate", Mrs Frax said amiably but hurriedly over her shoulder. "At least, we think he's probably a candidate by now-which is why we must rush." "But Mr Peach and Mr Melba don't like the auditions to be interrupted", the

receptionist said in a protesting way. "I imagine Mr Peach and Mr Melba will be nothing but relieved to see us", Mir Pumpelwitz answered.

Quickly he followed Mrs Frax, who Opening the door softly, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz stepped into a small Rows of seats, their backs turned to

which a man was standing, singing, In the space between the front row and the stage there was an upright plane, at

which a man was sitting, playing. As quietly as possible Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz made their way down the centre aisle, peering carefully, as they went, along each row of seats.

Only the front row was occupied. There, to the right of the centre aisle, sat two men, listening very intently to

To the left sat several young men and women, all of whom seemed to sit in their seats in a very upright and unmoving way, as though they were scared or, at the least, on their best behaviour. "Those must be the candidates", Mr Pumpelwitz mouthed to Mrs Frax.

"But he's not there", she mouthed Even though they had scarcely whis-

pered and had lip-read rather than heard each other, one of the men on the right twisted round and held a finger before his mouth. Mr Pumpelwitz and Mrs Frax slipped

into one of the empty rows and, in slow motion, so as to creak and rustle as little as they could, sat down. The singer brought his song to an end.

A second or two afterwards, the piams: finished off the accompaniment. There was silence. The two men in the

right-hand part of the front row were intently making notes in notebooks. A loud, harsh voice suddenly said:
"I can sing much better than that." The pianist whirled round on his re-

volving stool and looked in horror at the row of candidates. Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz looked at each other.

One of the two men at the right said: FPm distressed to hear such a rude

and offensive remark. I do not know who made it. But I should like to say that that is not the spirit we encourage at the Peach-Melba School, is it, Mr Melba?" "It certainly is not, Mr Peach", the second man replied. "At the Peach-Melba

School, students work together as col-"Especially", added Mr Peach, whose voice was deep and warm and who pro-nounced each syllable separately and roundedly, "when we all work together

in preparation for the public performance we give at the end of term." "It is one of our boasts", said Mr Melba, whose voice was high, clear and with a heroic ring to it that might put people in mind of a young prince of chivalry inspiring his soldiers to battle, that our students undergo the experience of working together as a company. Opera is a matter of cooperation. Indeed, as Mr Peach once remarked, opera should

really be called co-opera." "A little joke of mine", said Mr Peach, his voice becoming even deeper and more velvet with pleasure, "which Mr Melba flatters me by remembering. However, let us now, bearing the spirit of cooperation in mind, put the offensive incident behind

us and continue the auditions." "Thank you for singing to us, candidate number three", Mr Melba said. The singer jumped down from the stage and returned to his place in the front row on the left.

Is the next candidate ready?

"Are you ready, Mr Tripple?", Mr

"Ready when you are", Mr Tripple re-plied, giving a brisk twist to his stool so

Mr Tripple. But I think there's a cat under

"Really?", Mr Tripple said. He slid off the piano stool, knelt on the floor and peered beneath the plano.

"Personally, I love cats". Mr Melba said. "But it might be distracting for the candidates." "It might be alarming for the cat",

"Pussy", Mr Tripple called, the side of his face flat against the floor. "Pussy

distinctly saw a tail", said Mr a. "Rather a plump tail. And

gingerish." "I'm afraid we arrived too late", Mr Pumpelwitz whispered to Mrs Frax. "Pussy". Mr Tripple called again.
"Pussy, pussy."

There was a heavy thud on the top of the piano. Everybody, including Mr. Tripple, who sat quickly back on his heels, stared.

A solid, furry creature was standing on the piano top and staring back at everybody-with large, shiny eyes that seemed to change colour as you looked at them. The creature was about the size of a large cat, but it stood on two legs, not four, and it was feathered as well as furry. It stood—but only just, because it was a little rocky after its heavy landing.

It had a furry tail, partly ginger and partly grey. The end of the tail was drooping insolently over the edge of the piano top and dangling above the key-board. "Pussy is only the first half of my

name", the creature said, in the same harsh voice which had commented rudely on candidate number three's performance. My full name is Pussy Owl."

"You can speak", exclaimed Mr Tripple. "It's a waste of time to remark on the

obvious, Tripple", Pussy Owl said.
"Of course I can speak. What's more to the point is that I can sing." "That's the tail I saw", Mr Melba said,

his voice breathy with astonishment. The end of the tail twitched or you to describe my tail as plump, Melba. As a matter of fact, my tail is of the exact thickness that a tail ought to be. Plumper than my tail is fat. Thinner than

my tail is skinny. "We did arrive too late", said Mr Pumpelwitz.

"Oh, are you here, Pumpelwitz?" said Pussy Owl, peering from the top of the piano into the auditorium. "And Mrs Frax?" He raised one of his wings and gave a brief wave. "No, you're not too

"Are you", Mr Peach asked, turning round to address Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz, "are you-well, are you in charge of him?" "No", said Mr Pumpelwitz quickly.

"NO", said Pussy Owl, stamping one of his feet with a thud on the piano top. They're just friends of mine. I was afraid they weren't going to get here in time. But it's all right. They haven't missed anything, because I haven't sung

"Are you implying that you want to sing? Mr Peach asked, his full, deep voice drained almost to a squeak "That's right", said Pussy Owl. "I'll give my audition now."
"We must get this clear", Mr Melba

said. He rose and, clasping his notebook rather tightly, approached the plano.
"You want to be auditioned for entrance to the Peach-Melba School? You want to come here to learn singing?" "No", said Pussy Owl.

"Well then-". Mr Melba said, begining to shrug. I want to come here to teach singing". Pussy Owl said.
"That's our of the question", said Mr

"There are no vacancies on the teaching staff", said Mr Peach, rising and coming to stand beside Mr Melba as if in defensive alliance. "Mr Peach and I undertake all the

vocal instruction ourselves", said Mr Besides", put in Mr Tripple, who was still frozen in his squat on the floor, what are your qualifications for teaching?'

"My qualifications", Pussy Owl replied, with a condescending nod towards Mr Tripple, "are the singular beauty, power and range of my singing voice."
"As for you two", he went on, turning

his attention back to Mr Peach and Mr Melba, "what about this operatic performance you put on at the end of term? I'll bet the two of you don't sing all the parts in that, just on your own." The opera is sung by students, not

staff ". Mr Melba said. "Mr Melba is the producer", said Mr Peach. "But the singing roles are taken by students." "In that case", said Pussy Owl, "Fil

be a student." "So you are applying for admission. after all ". Mr Melba said. He sighed and opened his notebook. "I must take your particulars, then Surname and initials, please.

"Owl, P.", said Pussy Owl. "Zoological name: Strix Felix." "We haven't a space for the zoological name on the application form ", Mr Melba

"All our students till now have been Homo Sapiens", said Mr Peach. Then it's time you broadened your norizons." Pussy Owl replied. "When I have a moment to spare, I'll draw you up a better application form. Next question?" "Age?" said Mr Melba.



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"I think that must be your height, not

your age."
"I daresay it is", said Possy Owl in a careless way. "As a matter of fact, operatic stars usually keep their age a secret."

You're not a star yet", murmured Mr Tripple from the floor, too quietly for Pussy Owl to hear

"Write down my height, Melba", Pussy Owl said, with an impatient wave of one of his wings towards Mr Melba's notebook "It's a very good height. You ought to have a record of it. Taller than me is overgrown. Shorter than me is dwarfish."

Resignedly Mr Melba made a note. Next question", demanded Pussy Owl You're awfully slow at your job, Melba."
"Instrument?" Mr Melba asked. "What do you mean?" said Pussy Owl

"Students aren't allowed to study voice alone. They have to study an instrument as well."

Oh ", said Pussy Owl. " Oh well, I play the triangle." He rose rather heavily on to tiptoe and called into the auditorium: Don't I, Mrs Frax and Mr Pumpelwitz? "Brilliantly", Mr Pumpelwitz said. Mr Peach advised Mr Melba: "Write

"Percussion"." "All right", Mr Melba said, "if you think it satisfactory, Mr Peach." He wrote; and then looked up at Pussy Owl.

Register? Register? "Your singing voice", Mr Peach explained. "Is it tenor, baritone or bass?"
"Oh, I see", said Pussy Owl. "All of them.

"All of them?" "And alto and treble, as well", Pussy Owl said. "Why don't you stop wasting time and listen to me singing? "It isn't really your turn", Mr Melba protested. "As a late applicant, you should come at the end."

Owl. "Ler's get it over with ", said Mr Peach. Looking a little beaten, he and Mr Melba

I'm bored with waiting", said Pussy

returned to their seats in the stalls.

"Ready, Mr Tripple?" asked Mr Melba.

"Ready", Mr Tripple replied. He rose briskly from the floor, strode to the piano and asked Pussy Owl: "Where's your "I don't need music."

"But I do", said Mr Tripple. "So that I can accompany you." "I don't need accompaniment."

"Indeed", said Mr Tripple. He sat down on the piano stool, pushed it back from the keyboard and sat looking expectantly towards the top of the piano. Pussy Owl stretched both his wings out horizontally and gave two little flicks with the tips, while he said:

'Two, three.' Then he folded his wings to his sides again and sang, in a deep, booming and not very melodious voice:

Half way through his song, he paused, extended his wings again, whirred them for a moment and then, slowly and rather unsteadily, rose straight up into the air to a height of four or five feet above the top of the piano. There, with his wings stretched and his tail streaming behind him like the tail of a kite, he hovered. Meanwhile, this time in a high and screeching voice, he finished the song:

"By all means", said a young woman sitting in the candidates' row. Some pages of sheet music were handed along the row and then passed to Mr Tripple, who propped them on the music stand on the plano.

Pussy Owl walked noisily across the top of the piano and paused at the edge above the keyboard. He peered down towards the music.

OF NO ONE ELSE CAN YOU SAY THAT HE IS A FOWL AND IS A CAT.

At the end, still high up in the air, Pussy Owl said:
"See. I can go as high as you like."
Suddenly he folded in his wings; swooped and landed, feet first, with a solid

thud, on the piano top.
"Or as low as you like", he added, rather puffily, while he only just managed to keep his balance after landing.
"It certainly is a remarkable sight",

Mr Melba said thoughtfully.

"And a remarkable performance too, didn't you think?" demanded Pussy Owl as fiercely as he could through his puffi-

"Well", Mr Peach remarked in a tactful way, "some of the notes were in tune."
"I don't see how you can judge", Pussy
Owl replied indignantly. "You'd never
heard the song before, so you don't know
what it ought to sound like." He paused and puffed for a moment, then added carelessly:

"I composed it myself. As a matter of fact, I wrote the words, too."

"I wonder, Pussy Owl", Mr Melba said, still sounding thoughtful, "if you would sing us something else—something more conventional, I mean, which we have heard

"I'd rather do my dance", Pussy Owl answered. And he jumped up into the air and then landed, heavily, on his left foot. He hopped into the air again and then landed, heavily, on his right foot. Not on top of my plane you don't ", cried Mr Tripple.

"We don't teach ballet at the Peach-Melba School", interposed Mr Peach tactfully.

"Oh, all right", Pussy Owl said, stop-ping. "As a matter of fact, I am rather exhausted after my previous performance." He stood still for a moment, silent except for puffing. Then he turned to the row of candidates and added contemptuously: All you lot do is sing. That's nothing

compared to the strain of singing and

"I hope you won't find it too much strain to sing us just one more piece, Pussy Owl", Mr Melba said politely. I'm sure you could borrow some music from one of the other candidates. What about that pretty piece of Purcell which candidate number two sang?"

"It doesn't look very good music", he said. "Not nearly as good as the Pussy Owl Song."

"Can you sight-read?" asked Mr Tripple. "Of course", said Pussy Owl.

"Right, then", said Mr Tripple; and stretching his hands above the keys he prepared to play... "But not when the music's upside down ", said Pussy Owl.

"It's not upside down." "It is from where I'm standing. From where I'm standing, when the music goes up it looks as if it's going down. So don't blame me if it sounds odd."

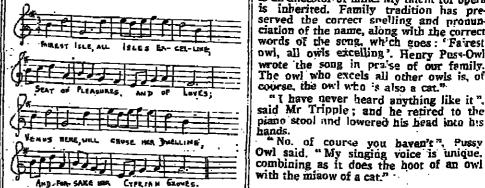
"I wonder if candidate number two would mind demonstrating?" asked Mr Melba. "Just a quick run-through, to give Pussy Owl an idea of what it sounds

"Certainly", said candidate number two. "Quite unnecessary", said Pussy Owl. I can sight-read it perfectly, even if it

is upside down." "I'm sure you can", Mr Melba said soothingly. "The only reason I think a demonstration would help is that I'm hoping you'll fly round as you sing it to us, so you won't be able to sight read it, as you won't be able to see the music.

Will you sing it flying for us, please? "All right", Pussy Owl said ungraci-ously. "But it's not easy, you know, singing and flying."

Standing beside Mr Tripple, who accompanied her, candidate number two sang:



When she had finished, Mr Peach and Mr Melba thanked her; and she gave an encouraging smile to Pussy Owl before going back to her seat. "I can sing it a lot better than that".

Pussy Owl said. "Mr Melba", said Mr Peach, "are you sure you want to hear Pussy Owl sing again?"

"I want to hear him sing and see him fly again", Mr Melba said. "I've had an "Anyone in his senses who'd heard Pussy Owl sing once would want to hear him sing again", said Pussy Owl. "Come on. Tripple.

He stretched his wings, rose vertically (and rather wobblingly) and then began to fly in a slow, uncertain circle round the auditorium. As he flew, he suddenly (so suddenly

that Mr Triople had to hurry the beat to catch up with him) began to sing, in a loud, squawking voice: "Fairest owl, all owls excell..."
"Stop", called out Mr Peach, holding his hands over his ears.

With a bump Pussy Owl landed on the floor in front of him. "What's the matter?" "Many things", Mr Peach replied. "I'll try to go through them in order. First, your diction. It's appalling. You seemed to be singing 'Fairest owl' instead of 'Fairest isle'."

"' Fairest owl', that's right", said Pussy Owl. "Fairest owl' is the correct word-"Ob no it's not", cried Mr Tripple, advancing towards Pussy Owl and bring-

ing the sheet music with him. It's printed here quite clearly. It's "You've got an incorrect version", Pussy Owl sa'd coolly.

"Pussy Owl", said Mr Peach, his voice very deen and very controlled, this is a well-known piece of music. The words are by the great English noet John Drvden. The isle in overtien is the isle of Britain. The song is from the petriotic opera King Arthur, by the yreat English

composer Henry Purcell. The-" "You've got his name wrong, too", Pussy Ow! interrupted.
"I have NOT", exclaimed Mr Peach. "I have been teaching the music of Henry

Purcell to students for twen-" "The correct form of the name", Pussy Owl said, "is Puss-Owl Renry Puss-Owl is an ancestor of mine. My talent for operais inherited. Family tradition has pre-served the correct spelling and pronunciation of the name, along with the correct words of the seng, which goes: Fairest owl, all owls excelling'. Henry Puss-Owl wrote the song in praise of our family. The owl who excels all other owls is of course, the ow! who is also a cat."

"I have never heard anything like it". said Mr Tripple; and he retired to the piano stool and lowered his head into his "No. of course you baven't", Pussy Owl said, "My singing voice is unique.

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with the misow of a cat." Continued on page 9



said.

much depends on things like running order-a number that goes frightfully well in one position dies a death if you move it to another, so you're constantly rejigging." There are more costume changes than in any other kind of show and they have to be done more quickly. There are a dozen haracterizations to cope with instead of one, and there's the risk of feeling very foolish if audience remains unamused,

One sketch is a send-up of Italian films in which spaghetti is flung about the stage, and all goes over me. Even in comedy, if the laughs don't come, you've still got the character to cling on to, and you've got the artists' eyes to look into, but if you're actually gerring your face full of spaghetti there's no other motive except to make people laugh, and if they don't, it's humiliating be-yond belief. Nothing freezes you more. But on the other hand you can't think 'I won't do it properly and then I'll look less of a fool'. In fact you look more of a fool."

Playing the show in Birmingham just after the IRA bombing she felt like an ENSA performer railying morale during the war. " Here was a town that was shocked and stunned and unhappy, and one really did have a feeling that the show was a couple of hours of forgetfulness, fun and giggles. I don't think there's anything ordinary background and when quite like it in London. I hope I was at RADA I had a very cverybody will come and let strong accent. At that time their bair down. I greatly helieve there must be serious plays. What survives every civilization? The art, the cul-groomed as starlets on their ture—doesn't it? And therefore looks rather than their talent. civilization? The art, the cul-

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New London Theatre on Monday, is Sheila Hancock's third revue. She was in One to Inother (1959) and One Over The Eight (1961). I swore I'd never do another revue as long as I lived. It's horrendous, So Was did on the air. There's a lot that needs sending up at lot that needs sending up at the moment." Sheila Hancock enjoys "the

out-front technique and the eye-to-eye connexion with the audi-

ence "that revue demands".
"It's what we used to do at
Stratford East. I only did Make Me an Offer there in 1959, but I worshipped Joan Littlewood so much I used to go back and rehearse for things I wasn't going to be in. Up until then I'd been in weekly rep for years and years and years. One stuck very much to the rules and to French Acting Editions. She was the first one that made me like the audience. She knew I was intrinsically frightened of them. My instinct was that they were going to dislike me. She used to come into my dressing-room and say 'They're all out there, and I've heard them saying that they can't wait to see Sheila Hancock because they've heard how marvellous she is'. It was all absolute lies, but you had to go on with the confidence that they were going to come to you, and therefore you had to believe you had something of value to offer them. She was very against selling yourself too much, but if you clam up on stage you get nothing back, and I think the same happens in life. If you're tortured by your own miseries and your own complexes, you build a wall round yourself.

lieves that an actor should be able to amaze himself with his "She used to say 'When you're in the wings, imagine that own courage, and she felt most you're in a dark, damp, frightening forest, and out there on the stage is light, warmth and love'. And she used to call me her little clown, which gave me a raison d'etre. I came from an was almost a finishing school for some people, and the ones that succeeded were the beauties. Certain people were

in need of courage when she played Julia in Edward Albee's A Delicate Balance in 1969. "It. was a harrowing scene to do. I had to cry and to scream for my mother. I had to let go to absolutely childish hysteria, and Peter Hall eventually broke it to me that he wanted me to end up lying on the floor and bearing the carpet. At the first rehearsal in which I had to do that, I had to look at things that I prefer not to look at-depths of despair, depths of needing my mother, needing help. At read-throughs and when you're plotting it, you stand there trembling, hiding behind your script. You think 'Yes, well, I'll have a go at that scene to-morrow.' But ultimately the situation has to be created in which you do it. Without Peter making me believe I could do it, couldn't have. I'd done plays like that in rep, but never in front of Dame Peggy Ashcroft at the Royal Shakespeare. In a way it was a breakthrough for me, and it had to be carried even further in the next Albee play, All Over (1972), in which the girl was even more aggressive, full of hate, full of loneliness—a distraught person. And at that time it was doubly diffi-Because his Inistration fathings, died the week before. I was busy trying to hide the fact that I was those things—because I had to carry on—but I had to strip myself bare and yet discipline it. I couldn't just break down and

I consider very much my peers.
Angela Lansbury was incredible. She's so wise. In a sentence she could calm you and make you cope."

indulge myself in front of people

Sugar plums to savour

The Nutcracker My height was against me—I was 5 foot 81. I had to play leading ladies in rep, but as far as the West End was concerned, Festival Hall

John Percival

didn't fit into any of the

Categories. It wasn't till the Littlewood revolution and the Royal Court—where funny-looking people suddenly came into their own—that one began to fice in "

Her part in Make Mc an Offer

Her part in Make Me an Offer was quite a small one and she wasn't very good, she feels, in One Over the Eight, though she got better during the run. But Michael Codron had great confidence in her. She'd made her first appearance in the West End when she took over the part of Lily Thompson in Breath of Spring one of his earliest pro-

Spring, one of his earliest productions, and after One Over the Eight he offered her the role of

Cyrenne in Charles Dyer's two-hander Rattle of a Simple Man.

" He'd already agreed to have

Teddy Woodward, who was un-known. He'd done it in rep. And now Michael had to sell his

backers the idea of yet another

not successful non-name, when,

I imagine, he could have got any

actress in the country to play it.
It was a fabulous part, and in
those days star names did draw
audiences. What he made us do

was audition for the backers. Teddy and I rehearsed a scene, and they quite liked it. The critics pretty unanimously liked the show, and it ran over a year. But Michael went out on a limb, taking a sign of the same and the shows a second state of the shows a sign of the same and the same and the same are same as a same a same as a same a same a

taking a risk on me, and he's

done it time and time again with

Like Laurence Olivier, she be-

That was not an empty scar next to me at the Festival Hall. Although you could not see him, the Ghost of Christmas Past was sitting in it, and the trouble was that he would keep whispering in my ear all the time.

"Do you remember", asked me, "the days wi Markova and Chauvire : Markova and Chauvire and Daudova and Verdy danced the Sugar Plum Fairy? And John Gilpin used to be so marvellous as the Prince, and Par Dolin played Drosselmeyer? Or what about Vassili Trunoff's Russian dance do you ever see any-thing like that nowadays?" I tried to hush him, but he

would prattle on, eventually asking me: "Is there a single role tonight which you have not seen better danced in previous Festival Ballet seasous?" True enough, I had to admit, but perhaps not quite so damning as it sounds. This Nut-cracker, I tried to explain to him, is not for old fuddyduddies like the Ghost and me. It is primarily a treat for children who have probably never seen ballet before and therefore cannot make comparisons.

Starting from scratch, they ought certainly to enjoy the Tchaikovsky music, under Terence Kern's lively direction. Maybe the party scene looks rather dreary, but they may identify with the children on stage ("And learn bad manners", my companion grunted). The transformations are super, even if the Christmas tree missed its cue and disappeared several bars late.

I must say it was a relief when the Ghost changed places at the interval with his brother Christmas Yet to Come. He chartered incessantly too, but

about how easily the production could be brought to life again "What is that barefoot child doing in the cold at the beginning? Does Dr Stahlbaum really have so many one-eyed, long-nosed friends that he does not recognize the footman's description of Drosselmeyer? Surely the management can remember or invent more fluent choreography? And why not revert to the Benois costumes instead of the present tarted-up versions?

When not being interrupted, I thought Patricia Ruanne and Paul Clarke showed charm in the leads, although he needs to stretch his feet in the solos and she ought to hold her shoulders less tensely. And while we are making constructive suggestions. the walnut shell boat for Clara's journey should be made from only half a shell, not a whole one, or it will capsize.

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William Gaunt

The British school of sporting painting that flourished in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries has gained in estima-tion in recent times through the view it gives of rural and social life in the past and also for its considerable merits, pictorially

speaking. The remarkable devel-opment of an art form, parallel with that of hunting and racing, is the well and amply illustrated nucleus of the Arts Council's exhibition, British Sporting Paintings, 1650-1850, now at the Hayward Gallery until February 23, with more than 200 pictures and many accompanying prints

Comprehensiveness suggested a look back first to the century of the Stuarts when Henry Peake recalls the ancient tradition of stag-hunting in his painting of Henry, Prince of Wales (James I's son) in the hunting field and George Barlow drew hounds and huntsmen in his lively style. But a con-nected evolution begins with the work of John Wootton and Peter Tillemans. The examples given show the type of composition they devised to meet the needs of aristocratic and squirearchic patrons, comprising views of

.Tohn laboured and tinged by foreign influence, are valuable docu-ments of country living at its ments of country living at its higher levels in the early part of the eighteenth century as well illustration. Raeburn's Dr Spens in Such exhibites in Land the Henrietta Harley hunting the hare on Orwell Estate and his

their estates and organized

hunting parties in a panoramic

racehorse at exercise. More surprising perhaps is the advent of painters who may be called "genuine primitives" in a style owing little or nothing to others but with its own crispness of definition and nourished by a special acquaintance with the sporting world. bull-terrier killing rats in a James Seymour and the wooden enclosure.

could make an impressive por-trait of Flying Childers, considered the first great thorough-bred raceborse. His The Chaise Mutch adds to the interest of a celebrated sporting wager and event an entertaining precision

of design.
The Hayward exhibition's account of the later eighteenth century is inevitably dominated the great personality of George Stubbs. The selection made illustrates the grandeur he could evolve from simple elements, the sense of character he could bring out in his grooms and stableboys as well as horses and hounds, his naturalism in subject and setting, his harmonious grouping of mares and foals in a field. Purely as an artist, as in the great Gimerack on Newmarket Heath, he ascends to a level beyond that of Ben Marshall, Sawrey Gilpin and a score of able practitioners of about the same time or later who are also represented.

Gilpin's The Death of a Fox a picture of savage pursuit that tends to arouse sympathy for the fox rather than its pur suers-though it is hard to believe the story that some hounds were killed and fastened in various positions so that the artist could copy their attitude in motion; or that as capable an artist as Gilpin would ge any nearer the feeling of move ment by employing such a device. It is in contrast with the brutal statements that John Fernelley depicts the elegance Wootton's sporting of the wealthy sportsman in the early nineteenth-century period

of foxhunting. Sport in the Hayward exhibi-Garrick's brother fishes in the Thames at Hampton Court, in view of Lord Portmore and his the splendid aquaints after trainer watching King George I's James Pollard the stage coach rides again. Rather than strictly sporting. Landseer's Monarch of the Glen seems a sentimental evocation of the freedom of the wild. "Sport" at a lower level in the 1860s provides a nightmarish vision of men in black watching poker-faced a

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In the days when it did not matter whether petrol was dear or not; in the days when Gilbert ces, but these circumstances, but these rules are more and Sullivan's Trial by Jury first delighted the public; in the days when my father came to this country; in short, in good Queen Victoria's golden reign there was a man of comfortable means who had some interest in chess strategy. Every Saturday and crumpets at the Athenaeum he would play a game of chess with his favourite nephew.

But I confine myself to saying that I can chest the rest

that I can show you the very chess set (a magnificent example of Stauuton chess men) with which they played still in its place in that gracious drawing room on the first floor of

The two players were about equal in strength. The uncle was a solid strategist who swore by the scientific principles of Siegbert Tarrasch. As one might have expected from the younger man, the nephew was a follower of Emanuel Lasker. He occasionally irritated his uncle by tactless quotations from Common Sense in Chess; but still, he was the only other member of the he only other member of the family who played chess so, having no direct descendants and intending to die a bachelor like his father before him, he made a will bequesting his made a will bequeathing his

entire fortune to the nephew.

The nephew, in his mind's
eve, could see himself treating his nephew to tea and crumpets his nephew to tea and things at the Athenaeum some time in the reign of Edward the Seventh. This was a curiously indirect family in which the chain of succession passed from nephew to nephew. The family tree was a series of knights'

But one day, through an act of btind, predatory greed, he spoilt if all. Both uncle and neohew also became members of the Hampstead Chess Club, which was then, as indeed it still is, one of the leading clubs in the leading Chess League. The London Chess League. The ucphew played on a high board the second team, while the uncle, as befitted his senior status, usually stood by as a speciator and specialized in giving advice. This practice occasionally got him into trouble

of his wealth. I am well aware

honoured in the breach than the observance.

called X.

went as follows.

the centre.

Recently, for reasons that will eventually become apparent, this game was annotated in "64" by Geller and here he had the originally phrased comment that 7 . . . P-K4 was worthy of consideration. From this one gathers that the grandmaster

H P-K5 Pot 10 KI-B5 B-Ki2 0 Pop KKI-02 11 B-Ki1 0-03

game. 12 P-Km ! PNP 13 KI-KKIS KI-K83 If 13 Kt-B1; 14. B-Kr5 ch, B-Q2: 15. PxP, BxB: 16. KtxB, Q-B1: 17. 0-0, threatening Kt-B7 and then Kt-Q6 ch.

And not 14 . . . ,B-Q2; 15. KtxKP. 15 PXP P-QR3 16 B-K3 with those who were ignorant A fine vigorous move; if

One evening the nephew was playing in an inter-club match against Brixton and the game he played on that occasion cost him a fortune. Many years later I discovered the score of the game together with an account of the sequel in the archives of the Brixton Chess Club which met at that time on the second floor of a public house second floor of a public house in Half Moon Lane, Herne Hill. The nephew, whom I will call had Black against a player

The game, a lively brevity, White: X Black: Y. Q Pawn Opening.

1 P-Q4 KI-KB3 2 B-KIS P-B4 excellent alternative is 2..., Ki-K5 and also good is 2..., P-Q4.
5 P-Q5 Q Ki5 4 Ki-Q85 Oxp

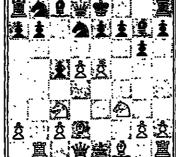
A logical capture, but one that costs a lot of time since the Queen must be brought back to

Threatening to win off-hand by 6. R-Kt1, Q-R6; 7. Kt-Kt5. 0-k 3 P-K 3 P-O3

was not sure what the right move was. I believe that the best move was 7..., P.K3 so as to deprive White of the ensuing thrust with his KP.

Black's game is badly undeveloped, especially on the Queen-side where his pieces remain in their original positions till the end of the

Black (Y)



Black now plays 16 . . . , QxQ ch; 17. RxQ, PxB; then 18. R-Q8 ch, Kr-K1; 19. 0-0 ch, B-B3; 20. RxB, K-Kt2; 21. Kt-B7 and wins (21. . . . , BxKt; 22. B-R6 ch, K-Kt1; 23. RxKt mate.) Or 17. . . , PxB; 18. RxP, QB2; 19. Kt-Q5, Q-Q1; 20. RxKt ch, BxR; 21. Kt-KB7, Q-K1; 22.

White (X) to play

Kt-B7, etc. 18 Q-Q5 K-Kt The end comes even quicker after 18. . . , PxKt; 19. QxP, BxP; 20. Q-K8 mate.

19 ONP BNP 21 RxKt Kt-Q3 20 Ktx8 R-KR2 23 BxKt resigns Since after 22. . . ., PxR : 23. Kt-Q5 is decisive. In a state of high fury the uncle went to his lawyers and cut out his nephew from his will. Soon after he

The nephew sought to have the will put aside on the usual grounds that his uncle had not been of sound mind. But in a famous judgment the learned judge said that, as far as he was concerned, it was a case of idem velle atque idem nolle. Indeed he (the judge) after reading Tarrasch's Dreihundert Schachpartien had come to the conclusion that no one could be rightly termed sane who had played QxQKtP.

The strangest thing about all this is that in round three of the 42nd Soviet Championship, currently being played at Leningrad, Vaganian won exactly the same game, move for move, against Kupreichik. Who would dare to say now that history does not repeat itself?

and the last in August. This gives us plenty of lettuces all Harry Golombek summer, and very few indeed get away from us and bolt to

Gardening

The day of the vegetable seed. If they do, the chickens might do so, and this is in fact

As I remarked last week, most people, especially the non-gardeners, will remember 1974 as a wet year. The gardeners will remember it with mixed feelings, but I think on the whole, as being less exasperat-

ing than 1973.
Looking to the credit side gardeners will remember that while the winter and spring were dry—indeed, we were short of rain in many parts of the country until the end of May, this enabled us to get on with our work. Growth, especially of newly planted or newly sown crops, was slow unless it was possible to water them. Also, in my garden at least, the nights in late May and June were chilly, so sweet corn, melons under cloches, and out-door tomatoes did more poorly

than usual.

If, as regards these crops, If, as regards these crops, there is a moral to be learned, it is to be prepared to grow them on, even if it means reporting until they can be planted out in the first or even the second week of June, and then for preference under cloches. The melons obviously will keep under cloches but to matters and under cloches, but tomatoes and sweet corn quickly grow too tall for the cloches, and these

have to be removed. But from July onwards vege-tables really came into their own. As I have said many times, all you need to grow plants are all you need to grow plants are soil, sunshine and water. This year, with regular and adequate rainfall—too much in some areas—we had wonderful crops of leeks, brussels sprouts, winter cauliflowers, savoys, and coming, of sprouting broccoli.

Never had I seen better lettuces than those grown in the

Never had I seen better let-tuces than those grown in the trials at the Royal Horticultural Society's Wisley gardens. They were sown on July 24, and in late September and early Octo-ber were a splendid sight. Good old varieties like Feltham King and Lobjoit's Green cos showed up well, as did certain new varieties which we will no doubt see in the catalogues in due course.

I will admit I am a bit lazy

about lettuces now. We sow a batch of mixed cos and cab-

bage varieties three or four times, the first sowing in March

due course.

are happy to have them.

Also at Wisley was an interesting trial of Chinese cabbage.
This vegetable makes a very large plant—an excellent family vegetable, that is, if the family likes cabbage. I admit I have not tasted it, either raw or cooked, but those who have find it very palatable. They tell me that eaten raw it is something

like a cross between a lettuce

and a soft savoy cabbage with a cabbage flavour. On the debit side in my garden was the new Fiskeby soya bean. We raised plants in peat pots under glass and planted them out in early June, but the crop was negligible, we were not, as a family, particu-

The half-hardy annuals did remarkably well. The dwarf single dahlias from seed especially and also the new so-called penstemon flowered antirrhi-num sold under various names such as Pixie and Bright Butterflies. I must say that being rather conservative in these matters I was not expecting to like widely tubular flowers. But they are most attractive and I com-mend either the tall Bright

about sin to 1210 high.

The dwarf bedding scarlet salvias, I admit, are not among my favourite flowers. They remind me of the almost obliga-

Early in the year many of us who are interested in the charities which derive a considerable part of their income from private gardens kindly opened to the public were concerned about the effect the rising price of petrol would have on these earden visits. We hoped that so far from deterring people from visiting gardens, more people

what happened. with The Organizers, Gar-deners' Sunday, White Witches, Road, Dorking.

Claygate Surrey. larly taken with the beans. Most people I have spoken to or heard from had a poor result with this bean. It may have been that the summer did not

are safe. mend either the tail bright Butterflies mixture, which grows to about two and a half feet, or the dwarf Pixie hybrids, only about 8in to 12in high.

tory French bedding schemes and to me are rather vulgar. Every Frenchman seems to favour a bed in the front garden of scarlet salvias, with a large canna in the middle, and an edging of white alyssum. But there are obviously places where salvias are appropriate.

As anyone connected with charities knows, they are running into hard times. Some garden owners every year have to fall out of the open gardens scheme because of labour and other difficulties. But it is other difficulties. But it is encouraging that more new garden owners come forward each year—indeed, at present 40 new gardens have been added to the Gardeners' Sunday list, and there is still time for anyone prepared to open their garden in 1975 to get in touch

Jobs for January Be prepared for snow and frost. Have grit, sand or salt placed at strategic spots in case you have difficulty with frozen sloping paths or drives. Check that all frost susceptible items, dahlia and begonia tubers, gladiolus corms, onions and shallots, and potatoes

Examine all stuff in store every 10 to 14 days, and remove any that are rotting. Watch particularly for signs of mouse damage in stores, frames, green-houses or even among crocuses and other bulbs on the open ground. Our mice have been particularly troublesome this year. They have sneered at cheese and milk chocolate, but I have had considerable success with monkey nuts as bait. Finish pruning fruit trees and bushes, and spray with a suitable winter spray against pests.

Clean glass on greenbouses, frames or cloches. The wet autumn has made a lot of glass very dirty with green deposits Warm water laced with deter-gent does the trick. • Check stock of canes, stakes pea sticks, garden twine, ferti-

lizers, insecticides, and any other garden sundries you know you will need in the coning months. My bet is that they will be progressively more ex-pensive, and probably sup-plies will be sporadic. Stock up now. This is not panic buy-

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Broadcasting Saturday

Two sides of Telly Savalas, first as a ruthless Arizona boss (ITV 6.50), then as our friendly New York cop (BBC1 9.20). Otherwise 5.35), BBC correspondents ponder 1974 and 1975 (BBC2 9.20) and an Iris Murdoch serial begins (BBC2 8.30).—L.B.

BBC 1

8.35 am, Trumpton. 8.50, Josie. 9.10. The Languages of Animals, by David Attenborough: Be Mine (part 2), 9.40, Film. The Golden Age of Comedy (1958).* 10.55, The Virginian. 12.12 pm. Weather. 12.15, Grandstand: 12.25, Football Focus. 12.50, 1.25, 1.55, 2.25 Racing from Newbury. 1.10 ing from Newbury. 1.10, Lord Manny Shinwell looks back on a licetime's interest in boxing. 1.45, Test Cricket from Australia. 2.15, 2.45, Motor Racing from Brands Hatch. 2.0, Rugby: York v Bram-ley. 3.50, Golf: Jacklin v Ooster-huis. 4.40, Final Score. 5.10, Shari I ewic.

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5.20 News.
5.35 Dr Who.
6.00 Bruce. Forsyth and the
Ceneration Game.
*he Beat (1963),
Ten-Film, On the Beat (1963), with Norman Wisdom, Jen-offer Jayne, Raymond Huntley, David Lodge.* Shirley Bassey.

9.20 Kojak. 10.10 News. 10.20 Match of the Day. 11.20 That's Life 1974. 12.20 am, Weather. * Black and white. Regional variations (BBC 1):

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BEC WALES: 8.50-9.10 am, Telifiant,
SCOTLAND: 5.00-5.10 pm (and 5.205.35. 10.20-10.50; Sportsred; 10.5011.20, Songs of Scotland, 12.22 am,
Scottish News Headings, Northern
IRELAND: 5.00-5.10 pm, Scotteboard,
5.30-5.35, Northern Ireland News,
12.22 am, Northern Ireland News Hoad-Southern

9.15 am, ATV. 10.10, Martial Arts.
10.35, Amazing Chan. 11.00, Weather.
17.05. Dusty's 'I'ali. 11.30, Edgar Briggs. 12.00, Geordie Scene. 12.30
pm. Lyndon, 5.20, Woody Woodpockor.
5.30, New Faces. 6.30, Candid Camera.
5.30, Weather. Sucy Kerdali. Dentis Waterman. 12.15 am, Southern News.
12.20, Weather. Guideline. Granada

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HTV 9.05 km. London. 10.00. Sessino Sircet. 11.00. It's Time for Me. 11.30. Tarrain. 12.30 km. London. 5.20. Cartoon. 5.20. New Faces. 5.30. Cand. 5.20. Site of the Control Fr. 30. Honest, 12.15 km. Wealter HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 7.00-7.30 km. Sion a Sian.

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BBC 2

3.00 pm, Film: Jupiter's Darling (1955). with Esther Williams, Howard Keel, Marge and Gower Champion, George Sanders. 4.35-5.00, Play Away.

6.30 News.
6.45 Rugby: Cardiff v Ebbw
Vale, highlights.
7.25 S'Wooderful — S'Marvellous — S'Gershwin — Jack Lemmon introduces a tribute to George Gershwin.
An Unofficial Rose, from
the novel by Iris Murdoch, Part 1.

9.20 This Year, Next Year, intro-duced by Charles Wheeler, worldwide miscellany. 11.10 Test Cricket from Australia.

Tyne Tees 9.05 am, in Tune, 9.35. London, 10.00, Cartoon, 10.15, Captain Scarlet, 10.40, The Beachcombers, 11.65, Lasse, 11.30, The Lone Ranger, 12.00, The Georgie Scriet, 12.30 pm, London, 5.30, ATV. 6.00, New Faces, 7.00, Sale of the Century, 7.30, Kung Fr. 8.30, London, 9.45. Film, Rachel, with Joanne Woodward, James Olson, 11.35, Hawali Five-O. 12.35 sm, Epilogue.

Yorkshire

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Anglia

9.00 am, London. 9.55, Alphabet Soup.
10.20, Film: Willy McBean and his
hagic Machine. 12.00, Metric Molodies.
12.30 pm. London. 6.50, Film; Ten Tall
Mon. with Burt Lancaster. 8.30, London.
9.45 Caudid Camera. 10.15,
Film: The Merconaries, with Rod Taylor. 12.00, Carols.

Radio 1 S.00 am, Nows. Bruce Wyndham, 7 S.03, Racing butletin. 8.06, Eq. Stewart.; 10.00, Stuart Henry. 12.00, Rosio. 2.00 am, All-American Heroes. 1 3.00, Alan Freeman, 5.00, David Simmons. 1 6.30, In Guncart, 1 7.30, Tog Tunes. 8.30, Radio Orchostra.; 10.02, Alan Black.; 12.00, News. 13.05 am, Ray Moore. 2,00, News.

5.00 am. Radio I. 10.02. Charite Chester. 12.02 pm. Sammy Cahn's Songbook. 1.02. The Gag-Crackers' Ball. 1.30-5.55. Sport (1500m only). Including Foolball: racing at Newbury: cricket. Third Test: Sporting Chance Crant Final; and Sports Report. 6.03. Pick of the Sporting Year. 7.02. Mike Yarwood. 7.30. Radio 1. 10.02. European Paglury. 11.02. Rav Moore. 12.00-2.02 am. Radio 1.

am, Cricket: Third Test. 7.10, ert: Berlioz. Albentz, arr Halffler. Sacns. Dvoras. 8.00. Nows. Hongordinck, Bizot. Prokofiev. 7 Nows 9.05. Storen Reluxas. 1 11.15. The Young Idea. 6 pm, Concert: Weber. Beetilduen.;
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9.50, Batman. 10.20, London
Bridge. 10.50, Junior Police Five.
11.05, The Juggler. 11.35, Tarzan:
Mountains of the Moon; part 2.
12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35,
On the Ball. 1.00, Sports Stars
1975. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV
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3.50, Results, Scores, News. 4.00,
Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.
5.20 New Faces.
6.20 Sale of the Century.
6.50 Film: The Land Raiders,
with Telly Savelas, George
Maharis, Arlene Dahl.
8.30 Norman Wisdom.

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Norman News. Candid Camera, Film: Life at (1966), with Harvey, Jean Life at the Top , with Laurence y, Jean Simmons. Honor Blackman, Michael Craig, Donald Robert Morley.* 12.20 am, What Was He Like?

with Margaret Rawlings.

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Scottish 9.40 am. Prejudes. 10.05. All in a Day's Work. 10.35. The Geordie Scane, 11.00. Film. Good Morning. Boys, with will Hay. Graham Moffatt. Lilli Palmer. Martita Hunt. Charles Rawrroy. 12.30 am. London. 5.20. Carnon. 5.30. New Faces. 6.30. Sale of the Century. 7.00. Film. Heat of Angar, with Susan Hayward. James Slacy. Lee J. Cobb. 8.30. London. 9.45. The Streets of San Francisco. 10.40, Late Call. 10.45-12.30 am. Film. Murderrs' Row, with Dean Martin. Karl Malden, Ann-Margret.

Grampian 11.30 am. Zoom! 12.30 pm. London. 6,20, Film: The Way West, with Kirs Prouglas, Robert Mitchum. 8.30, Lon-don. 9.45, Candid Camera. 10.16, Kung Fu. 11:10, The Odd Couple. 11.40, Prayers.

6.50, Lucio Silla, opera seria by J. I., Bach. 7.50, The Postitve World, 8.05. Lucio Silla, Acts 2 and 5. 9.45. Lippett at 70. 10.20. BBC Northern Symphony Cornesters Schumann, Roussel. 11.00, Dancing Under Fire. New Year's Eve in Allendale. Northumberland. 11.55. Concert: part 2. Boothoven. 11.55-12.00. Nows.

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common indefinable species, the feature with Plain Tales from the Raj, a more recent specimen, telling us in penetrating terms and with due honour to those who administered it what British rule in ple's heads. India was about I remember From other Kenneth Williams turned phi-losopher in The Crystal Spirit naturally: I have heard things and surprising those who only knew him as camp comic. In 1974 radio science suddenly revived after a long illness and currently Science Now (R4) and Scientifically Speaking (R3) make two regular and steady. contributions, clearly differentiated in their appeal. Benny Green's presentation of A London Child of the 70s still lingers pleasantly in the memory; so does the undimemory; so does the undi-minished vigour of A Word in Edgeways and the straightforwardness of Parents and

Perhaps because it deals so largely in the new and unrepetitive, drama always gets the longest list of credits which could extend from here to the foot of the page with Peter Cator's The Search for Hamil-ton Stiggs and John Fletcher's Wandering in Eden somewhere near the top. The first of these came to light out of the generous and productive Radio Times competition whose second prize went to Shirley Gee's imaginative Stones. What else? Bill Morrison's The Great Gun Running Episode; Philip Martin's Lord Nelson Lives in Liverpool 8: Jonathan Raban's The Anomaly Among the classics, O'Neill's Mourning Becomes Electra; among the adaptations, Sword of Honour and The Balkan Trilogy; among the imports, The Non-Divine Comedy; among the hard-to-classify, Derek Raby's

Tizer. Off the main lines, Radio London has gone to some trouble to explore: its Young in Mind series, and, by way of contrast, The House on the Borderland—these two are particularly vivid, with the second ranking as one of the most gripping readings in its genre (the horror story) I have ever heard. In the way of contributions to the range and tech-nique of broadcasting, I doubt if the Commercials have added anything at all; sometimes, in common with Radio London, they bring a new tone of voice very distinct from anything that emerges from Broadcasting House and which at its best (for example, George Gale) gives a kind of off-thecuff trenchancy, rather stimulating in its way. At its worst, of course, it merely signals blather, vacancy and/or a distaste for such elementary broadcasting requirements as

doing your homework.

So it has been a good year— by and large: much too large

Radio

The year is dying, let it die—for any single pair of ears to but not just yet, nor entirely notice and I am aware of fear-unmarked, for this is the ful gaps in my coverage of it. mention, although I know it to It has been a good year-by be one of the ornaments of and large. Look back and there British broadcasting; at the and the Near, one of that unseem to be in need of any commendation: "I don't really ever listen to radio, Fm afraid—except of course The Music Programme" said to me until I see it float-

ing in small bubbles over peo-From other points of view, it to make you climb under the fridge and Radio 2's Husband of the Year was not the least repulsive of them. However, I am inclined to think-particularly in the present somewhat dicey situation that it is more important to speak well of the dying and to remember that in the twelvemonth past the good the thoughtful, the competent, the careful, the helpful, the informative, the pleasantly diverting and, at the worst, the harmless have outweighed immeasurably the bad and the ugly. Needless to say there are

omissions from the catalogue of adjectives above ("bril-liant" for instance) and they are intentional, for good and bad apart, 1974 has been in other respects very similar to its predecessors. Like a fami-liar and predictable acquaintance radio has continued to exhibit most of its old blindspots: science may have revived, but religious broadcasting continues negligible— not because its programmes are dull necessarily, more because the radio concept of religion could so easily be fit-ted on to the bead of a pin. If I seem to be harping on an old and tedious theme, then let me expand it by saying that the condition of religious broadcasting is symptomatic of a larger disease. For example New Maps of the Mind was, as far as I am aware, the only recent programme to look at some of the frontier work being done in psychology, and in general it is as if radio, while taking the keenest possible interest in the day-to-day activities of men and nations from a social and political point of view, were almost devoid of interest in concern for, the roots of that activity. Why do people behave as they do and what does it signify? It seems to me that one of broadcasting's jobs is to find out what new maps of every kind there are and tell us about them, whether some carefully polled majority of us think we want to hear or not. Anyway

how would we know? As things are it is only in the rarest programmes and in the slightly less rare, somewhat esoteric plays (like Wandering in Eden) that radio's discussion of current researchers. discussion of aurselves ever gets much beyond the kindergarten. If I have a wish for 1975, it is that it should grad-

David Wade

Sunday

That top-flight take-off show, Who Do You Do? stages its own Christmas production (ITV 7.25). Later all-black ballet should attract (ITV 10 30). An annual favourite arrives with the Royal Institution Christmas Lectures (BBC2 5.10). On the same channel whales (BBC2 7.25) and Florence (BBC2 10.35) make entrancing repeats.—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Someone from the Welfare. . . 10.00, Seeing and Believing. 10.30, The Wildlife of New York City. 11.20, Made in Britain 74. 12.05 pm, Winners at the Wheel. 12.55, News Headlines. 1.00, Ragtime. 1.15, Film, Northwest Frontier (1959) with Kenneth More, Lauren Bacall, Herbert Lom. 3.20, A Secret Place: story of a wartime childhood. 4.20, Omnibus : a Circus for a School, with Oleg Papov. 5.10, David Copperfield.

6.05 News. 6.15 Children of the Way: Pakistani Muslims or Englishmen born and bred? Songs of Praise from the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge. 7.25 Sing a Song of Secombe.

with Stanley Baker. 9.53 News. 10.05 Film, Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (1941) with Speacer Tracey, Ingrid Bergman, Lana Turner, Donald Crisp, lan Hunter.* 12.00 Weather. *Black and white... Rugional variations (BBC 1) :

BBC WALES.—1.20—4.20 pm.
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9.30 am. Open Day. 10.00. London. 11.00. The Schandour Falls. 11.30. The Addinas Family. 12.00. London. 1.10 pm. Family. 1.35. Merrie Meloding. 2.00. Soccer Special. 3.00. University Challenge. 2.30. Wall Till Jones Falher Gots Home. 4.00. London. 9.45. Edity Liar. 10.15. London. 12.05 am. Westher. HTV CYMRU/WALES. A. HTV except: 6.35-6.55 pm. Liusern Ar Bererladod.

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Anglia 9:05 am, Yoga for Health 9:30, Survival, 10:00, London, 17:39, Skippy, 12:00, London, 17:39, Skippy, 12:00, London, 17:35, Westler, 1:40, Families, 2:10 Match of the Week, 3:00, Tarzan, The Families, 4:00, London, 17:35, Paxten at the Colston, 12:05 am, Carols

Yorkshire 10.00 am, London, 11.30, Choirs of the World, Solvaultene (Norway), 12.00, London, 1.10 pm, Larming, 1.40, Cook-ball Special, 2.35, Film: The Crooked Hearts, with Rosalind Russell, Douglas Feirbani's Jur. Maurren O'Sullivan, 4.00, London, 11.35-12.05 Night Gal-

Border

BBC 2 5.10 The Engineer through the Looking Glass, Royal Insti-tution Lectures to Young People by Professor Eric Laithwaite. News Review of the Year.
More Ways Than One: The
Mystic Spiral—Science and Religion.
The World About Us: Valdes—Bay of the Whales. Film, Shadow of the Thin Man (1941) with William Powell, Myrna Loy.* Lost: Loucashire Police

reconstruct a search for a giri.
A Day with Dana.
Florence: The Fifth Element—the Florentines.

Southern 8.15 Play, Robinson Crusoe, 10.00 am, London 11.33. Farm Propre 1.10 pm, The Syl

> Granada 9.35 am. Wild Reluce. 10.00. Lundon. 11.00. Alphabet Soup. 11.30. Open hay. 12.00. London. 1.10 pm. Incred-lile Dollphris. 2.10. Football. 3.05. The luron. 4.00. London. 11.35-12.25 pm. llawall Five-O.

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2.35 am, Tomioslery, 16.00, Scrvice from St. John's United Reformed Church, Kensington, 11.00, Open Day, 11.30. The Osmonds, 12.00, Elton John and Bernie Taupin, 1.10 pm, Cartoon, 1.25, Joe 90: Viva Cordova, 2.00. The Big Match, 3.00, The Persuaders, 4.00, The Golden Shot, 5.00, Aquarius: Bernstein at Taublewood—the Tchaikovsky, Fifth.

London Weekend

6.15 The Archbishop at Home.
6.35 Open Pulpit. 6.55 Appeal, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. 7.00 Stars on Sunday.
7.25 Christmas Who Do You

7.55 Film: The Most Dangerous
Man in the World (1969),
with Gregory Peck. Anne
Heywood.
9.45 No-Honestly.
10.15 News. 10.30 Dance Theatre of Harlem. Cinema. Police Surgeon.

What Was He, Like? ATV 9.00 am. Farming. 9.30. Citions: Rights. 10.00, London. 11.50. Unlamed World. 12.00. London. 17.10 pm. Roncy. 2.10. Surf. Secret 7.2 pm. Roncy. 2.10. Surf. Secret 7.2 pm. Roncy. 3.15. Him. Playmates. 2.15. The Guidon Sinot. 5.25. test test 19.7m. Parasot Kelly. San Kadd 6.05-11.33. London.

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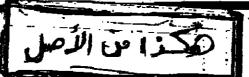
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"You describe it perfectly", said Mr. Peach.

"Yes", said Pussy Owl modestly, "I have literary as well as musical talent. However, all this singing and flying—to say nothing of having to correct your mistakes—has made me hungry. I think I'll go and have my lunch now."

"I think that would be an excellent idea". Mr Peach replied in a wearied

voice.
"Mr Pumpelwitz; Mrs Frax.", Pussy
Owl called. "Have you got some lunch

"Yes, Pussy Owl", said Mrs Frax standing up and raising her shopping bag so that Pussy Owl could see it. "In here." "Right", said Pussy Owl. "Well now, Melba. I'm too hungry to sing any more at present. I'm never in my best voice on an empty stomach. I'll sing for you again

"No need". Mr Melba said, "I've heard what I wanted to hear. I know now that you're audible if you sing while you fly

"I", Mr Peach said, "bave heard rather more than I wanted to hear". "I needn't come back, then", Pussy Owl said, "till the beginning of term.

That's just as well. I'm extremely busy at present."
"We haven't decided yet", Mr Peach said in a warning tone, "whether to

"I haven't decided yet whether I want to come. I shan't make up my mind until I know which opera you're putting on this term. It might not be one I'd want to be in "

"Which opera we do is still under discussion", said Mr Peach, "It depends on the voices we have available among the students."

"I could sing any of the roles", said Pussy Owl, "from bass to soprano. In fact, I could sing all the roles."

"Not when two or more people sing at the same time", Mr Peach said. "Even you, with your unique gifts, could scarcely perform a duet or a trio."

"I suppose not", Pussy Owl said, though he didn't sound convinced. " I can certainly sing loudly enough for two or three. Still, it might be better if I take only one role, because then, when I'm not actually singing, I can conduct." "/ conduct our end-of-term perform-ances", said Mr Peach in a rather rolling, thunderous voice.

"Anyway", said Mr Tripple, looking up for a moment, "Pussy Owl will be busy

in the orchestra-playing the triangle." "Can you think of an opera with a good part for the triangle?" Pussy Owl asked in a chatty way.

"Turandot", suggested Mr Tripple. "It makes great use of all the percussion instruments, to create a Chinese effect." "Then we'd better do Turandot", Pussy Owl said decisively.

"Pussy Owl", Mr Peach said in a stern one, "it is for Mr Melba and me to decide which opera we do. Though as a matter of fact Mr Melba did mention that he was considering doing something, not necessarily Turandot, by Puccini."

in a carcless but perfectly audible murmur, "make the mistake of pronouncing that name like that." "It is NOT a mistake. In Italian, a c that is followed by an c or an i is pronounced ch." Mr Peach glared at Pussy Owl for a moment and then, leaning forward in his seat so as to confront Pussy Owl's face on its own level, said deliberately "Ch ch ch ", as though imitat-

"Lots of people", Pussy Owl remarked

ing a steam train. "By the way", he added, "all students at the Peach-Melba School of Opera have to learn Italian and German." "Grook ", said Pussy Owl.

"That word is neither Italian nor German."
"No, of course not", said Pussy Owl.

It's Pussy-Owl. I speak Pussy-Owl. English, French, Italian and German. Of course I know how to pronounce a c in Italian when it's followed by an e or i. The mistake I referred to, which is a very common one, is to suppose that that composer's name is spelt with a c at all. It happens that he's another of my ance-tors: in the Italian branch of the family. So I happen to know through family tradition that the original and authentic form of the name is Pussipi."

"Nonsense", exclaimed Mr Tripple. "Thlunk", said Pussy Owl.

"Well it needn't be argued out at this moment", Mr Peach said wearily. "Quite probably we shan't be doing an opera by Pu—by your Italian ancestor, at all. Mr

Melba and I have also been considering the possibility of doing some Wagner. Of course, we'd do only one act. A whole work would be a bit too long and a bit too taxing for a student performance. I think Mr Melba was wondering whether we might do some of Parsifal."

"I was", Mr Melba said slowly. "Bur now I think —". ow I think — ".
"Now I think", said Pussy Owl, interupting, "that I really must have my

He set off, walking with srumpy, clumping steps, up the centre aisle-"Come on, Mrs Frax; come on Pumpel-iz", he said as he passed the row where

they were sitting, and they fell in behind him. "I hope it's a decemt lunch you've got me." He reached the back of the auditorium. Mr Pumpelwitz opened the door.

Pussy Owl turned round for a moment All right, Peach. All right, Melba", called down the auditorium. "Let me know what opera you decide on, so that I can start learning my role. Parsifal would be quite a good role for me." "We're relieved to have your approval", Mr Peach said.

"By the way, Peach ", Pussy Owl called." How's your German?" "One doesn't like to boast", Mr Peach replied, "or at least some people don't like to boast, but, since you ask me, my German is pretty sound."

"Good", said Pussy Owl. "Then I suppose you realize that 'Parsifal' is the German for 'Pussy Fowl'." An extract from a short story by Brigid

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Starting the year in regal style

Next Saturday, the QE2 sets out take their own cars abroad and be already completely booked from Southampton on a 92-day seek accommodation in pen-cruise around the world. What a sions, estalagems and similar makes little difference.

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As for the madicional per-cruise around the world. What a sions, estalagems and similar makes little difference. way to start the year! And you low cost establishments throughmay do so, if you have the out the mainland continent. The funds, for the man from Cunard touring motorist can escape the tells me that berths are still available. You will have to pay upwards of £2,300 for the trip and you should hurry, for the 1,400 places on board are almost tourist offices.

At a time when most of us are weighing up the 1975 prospects and wondering: "Where do we go from here?" it is nice to know man some law and law the answer. Bali, and Hongkong, Cape Town and Acapulco, Curacao, Rio de laniero and Honolulu are just a few of the ports along the way. Shore excursions are, of course, extra and range from £2.70 for a half-day bus trip round New If holiday sacrifices have to York to £685 for an eight-day safari in Africa. Incidentally, deprive children of a summer the QE2's pair of penthouses

cost £42,000 each on this voy age. Both will be occupied. Looking beyond that particuthe rest of the fruit on the crop, as we are likely to discover next spring.

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As far as 1975 prospects are abroad has never been wider, page in the past. The luxury villas and five star Clearly, the entire self-The luxury villas and five star Clearly, the entire self-hotels are awaiting us, as ever, catering movement will receive January 8, and although 1.100 but this may prove to be the a boost next year, whether one year we have to pass them by hires a boat on an English and trim our ambitions to suit canal, a cottage in Devon, or

I believe that many people will Norfolk Broads, is reported to cruise I mentioned earlier, but

popular, and higher priced, routes and regions, and take advantage of hotel booking

A considerable number (if booking reports are anything to go by) are already planning camping holidays and I have been specifically investigating the merits of a company called Canvas Holidays, which takes all the donkey work out of camping by supplying ready erected, fully equipped frame tents on selected sites. More about that

be made, parents are loath to break. Consequently I believe that holidays for unaccompanied children, both in Britain and abroad, will do well in 1975, and lar plum of a trip and surveying if you intend to send your children to the equivalent of "sumtravel trade's stall, there is mer camp", as I am, an early plenty to make the mouth water, approach is advised. One paralthough a certain amount of ticular company PGL, which blight has been attacking the operates from Ross-on-Wye, is already receiving firm bookings for next summer, although its brochure will not be published concerned, I intend to write until early next month. Again, more fully of certain holiday I shall be dealing with that type ideas during the early weeks of of holiday in more detail later though, the choice at home or holidays have featured on this

reduced circumstances".

For this reason—petrol prices and rationing notwithstanding—
boat hiring companies in the boat hiring compa

"They'll be at the Boat Show, as usual, but it's hardly worth their while". I was told last week.)

Bigger boats-cruise liners -pose a problem for anyone schemes operated through local studying 1975 form. On the one hand they have the advantages of a loyal clientele, to whom they offer the financial inducements of daily life at duty free" rates on board. On the other, there is the mammoth cost of fuel which must play havoc with fare projections and all other calculations. Yet I was impressed by the optimism of Mr Bob Duffett, the European sales director of Norwegian Caribbean Lines, when he launched his company's 1975 programme, which is more than ever aimed at the British market.

Optimism, too, from Chadris, with an expanded series of Caribbean cruises between now and mid-April and over 140 off. cruises from European ports between March and October. Most of these are the "fly and cruise" formula, operating from Amsterdam, Venice and Piraeus.

There are some fairly mouthwatering offers in the P & O programme, too, with Arcadia. Canberra and Oriana operat ing 28 cruises out of Southampbetween April and Decem-"Traditional" trips these, this type of honday middentally, Canberra sails on a 100-

package holiday abroad, I fear the Court Line lesson has not been learned by the tour company manufacturers of this product. Certainly they seem to have finally seen the light as far as prices and profitability so, but once again there will be far too many "packages" on the market.

It has been estimated, with authority, that for every two holidays sold, one will remain unsold. If this comes to pass, we shall pay—literally, because the holidays we buy "subsi-dize" the ones we don't, and figuratively when tour companies indulge in their spring-

time antics of "consolidation". On a brighter note, the Association of British Travel Agents has finally done something about the brochure booking conditions-with encouragement, and possibly more, from Mr John Methven, Director General of Fair Trading. They look like being phased out as new brochures are printed—for all practical purposes, the winter holiday season should see them

that legislation will be intro- as possible. duced early in 1975 to protect holidaymakers and to compensate the "victims" of the Court Line collapse. (In passing, a number of that company's employces suffered far more than the loss of a holiday, or holi-day money, but nobody has sug-

gested compensating them.) Mr Reg Law, of the Court Line Action Group, reckons that over 100,000 people are involved. His group has been pressing for 100 per cent com-pensation and legislation to protect future holidaymakersboth of which should be achieved in the new year. The group's third request, for an inquiry into the Court Line col-lapse, seems unlikely to be

To return to my main theme holidaymaking, various authorities in Britain are pre-dicting a bumper year, although rising costs are, if anything, bitting harder bere than abroad. The English Holidays '75 publication, which I mentioned this page last month, should do much to encourage bookings and, again, my advice would be

Mr Peter Shore has promised to make your decision as soon

Bookings should certainly encourage those thousands of small hotels and guest houses which are operating on a knife edge at present. Many did not have a good season last summer, despite the general trend towards holidays in Britain, and all are facing high bills as a result of recent five regulaa result of recent fire regula-

To dispose of the gloom in one go, it is certain that several hundred travel agents will go out of business by the end of the financial year. The squeeze for prompt payment has been put on them by tour companies. airlines and so on and they are caught in the classic "cash flow" problem. Estimates vary, but 700 agencies throughout the country is the likeliest

Writing to me (again, rather gloomily) from Edg-baston, a Mr Rogers suggested recently that holidays abroad were "unpatriotic" and that writers on the subject should encourage people to take their holidays in Britain in 1975. I appreciate Mr Rogers' con-cern, while rejecting his argu-

ment. People should feel free to do as they wish with their disposable income—buy cars or clothes, give it to book-makers or endow cats' homes. Equally they should choose what holiday suits them and travel journalists should choose subjects that reflect all tastes—the merit of the subject, not its geographical loca-

tion being the only criterion.

Heaven forbid that it should be "patriotic" to boost Blackpool at the expense of Benidorm, or promote Cornwall in lieu of Brittany. For holidays, travel, tourism—call it what you will—is an international, two-way traffic. If we stop going abroad, those "foreiggoing abroad, those "foreig-ners" could just as easily stop coming to Britain, and that would be disastrous, notwithstanding the opinions of Sir George Young and other critics of Britain's tourist effort. In sum, then, the prospects for our holidays in 1975 are patchy, but generally optimistic, with most of us having to lower our sights, maybe. And likely to be pleasantly sur-

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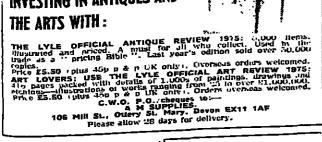
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done with the opened but unfinished bottles of wines left over from Christmas and was quite annoyed when I replied that most were probably no longer even of use in the kitchen. The action of air inevitably makes drinks deteriorate. some more rapidly than is generally supposed.

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sight at dinner. Sparkling wines also keep (and wines made in the same

for 24-36 hours in a cool way as sherry) will usually place if properly stoppered, remain in enjoyable drinkif you do not possess one of ing condition for up to a used nowadays for many finos should anyway be sparkling wines and these served cool or lightly chilled, can simply be pushed back except in the coldest

Once, in July, a well-known into the bortle, the ridges on weather, it is worth knowing writer asked what should be them gripping the inside of that they can actually be kept done with the opened but the neck.

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Most table wines will certainly remain in an enjoyable condition for 24 hours, if corked and kept in a cool place. The extremely old and the very delicate are the exceptions, but these will probably be drunk only on special occasions and finished at once.

If more than half the wine in the bottle is consumed, it is a good idea to decart the rest into a half bottle or small decanter—there are into a half bottle or the bottle being opened, at reduces the amount of air to what litre size, as often these wines, such as Sauternes, will keep for several days, if in a cool place or the least cold part on the wines, which tend to be ilighter in alcohol, may not the previous night at dinner.

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Such ary vermouths deteriorate after the days to a formight in the wine, so it may be worth the bottle or decanter will affect in my opinion, and should certainly be kept in a cold place or the refrigerator; the sweeter types and biancos weeks. Wine-based aperitifs of the armount of air to the air, contrary to what they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last. All these drinks decline in quality if they will last a fortnight provides weeks. Wine-based aperitifs of the same care; the same care; the same care; the sweeter they are the longer than the refrigerator.

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What Dr Wallace and his amily had experienced was an arthquake. But they were not listing Japan, California, the Mediterranean or any other of hie world's known belts of destructive earthquakes. This was Colchester, Essex, where such things were unheard of. In the town itself more than 400 buildings were damaged. But the brunt of the damage was taken by villages closer to the shock centre to the east and south-east of Colchester. Peldon, for example, no house or cottage escaped and 70 per cent of chimney stacks were thrown down. Nobody was thrown down. Nobody was killed, but within an area of about 150 square miles more than 1,200 buildings required

repair,
The Colchester earthquake of 1834 was the most destructive ever known in Britain and was felt as far away as Exeter in the west and beyond York in the north. But it was not the first British earthquake; nor, contrary to popular belief, are

such events uncommon.

The late Dr Charles Davison, who spent much of his life studying historical records of British earthquakes and trying to distinguish fact from fancy, concluded that the first clearly documented shock occurred just 1,000 years ago in AD974 when, according to Symeon of Durham, "a great earthquake took place over all England". Since the earthquakes have been known to take place at an average rate of more than 120 century, although this is certainly a gross underestimate. In the earlier periods a relatively small and poorly educated population meant that only the larger shocks in the more densely populated areas were observed and reported. The result is that only 98 earthquakes were recorded up to the middle of the

eighteenth century, and most of these were described only very briefly by chroniclers.

Thus, for example, did Stow report that in 1133 "an earthquake was felt, so that it was thought that the earth woulde have sunke under the feete of men, with such a ter rible sound, as was horrible to heare". Likewise Holinshed who says that "on the mondaie in the weeke before Easter [1185], land, such a one as the like had not beene heard of in England sithens the beginning of the world. For stones that laie couched fast in the earth, were removed out of their places stone houses were overthrown and the great church of Lin-colne was rent from the top downwards."

But from the eighteenth century onwards such brief, general descriptions from historians began to give way to longer, more detailed reports from scientists, largely as a result of the spectacular events of 1750. In that year, the "year of earthquakes" as Dr William Stukeley was to call it, four large shocks occurred in centres of roughts of the state of the of population-two in London, one in Chichester and one in Northampton. The London earthquakes in particular generated such alarm that members of the Royal Society were compelled to take a serious scientific interest in the phenomenon, since when the record menon, since when the recording and reporting of earth-quakes has gradually improved. By world standards, of course, British earthquakes are small; the energy released in Colches-ter in 1884 was several hundred times less than that released in San Francisco in 1906. Californians, Japanese and Sicilians could be forgiven for regarding the British effort as derisory.

For some curious reason known only to nature the larger British earthquake and the larger British town seem not to have collided during the past few decades to the extent that they did during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Certainly there is no modern counford which was hit by 20 earthquakes between 1853 and 1924, including two (in 1863 and 1896) almost as powerful as the Colchester shock. The history of Colchester is sufficient to prove, however, that British earthquakes can be more than

Peter J. Smith

Parole is still the best hope of preventing a young prisoner's return to crime

One effect of the Younger Report on young adult offenders has been to bring to a head an issue which in the past has usually divided judges from renologists. But, interestingly, it has done so at a rime when a few of both are crossing the floor to join the other side.

For the Younger committee has alarmed not only some judges but also two Oxford penologists, Dr Hood and Dr Hawkins, by recommending the extension of the concept of parole, with increased flexibility, to all custodial sentences for young adults.

What they are objecting to, however, is not really the appli-cation of the idea of parole to this age group, but the whole idea of parole of which the essence is the executive's power to release a prisoner before the end of a period specified by the

Dr Hood has assembled six

or moon has assembled six arguments:

If the justification for executive release is that the offender has reached a stage of "treatment" at which he is less likely to reoffend than when he went in, there is no evidence that custodial treatment, even in the most progressive institutions, has this effect, or that if the secustodial staff can tell when it has custodial staff can tell when

This is a good example of the way in which an argument which is sound so far as it goes can blind those who accept it to other considerations. For it implies that "treatment" is the only thing that can happen inside to reduce recidivism. In the first place, as anyone who has spent any time with prisoners knows, the great majority of prisoners dislike being inside, but this effect seems to wear off. One can grant the ineffectiveness of treatment and yet argue that the prisoner should be released before he has learned to "do his bird the easy

Secondly, it is sometimes not until an offender is in custody that the situation which is contributing to his behaviour begins to be understood. One does not have to believe in "treatment" to hope that by alleviating simple problems one will reduce likelihood of further

sentencing", because it takes into account information which the account information which the court had in mind when sentencing. The length of the sentence already reflects midgating or aggravating considerations; courts are better informed about the circumstants. constances of the offence than institutional staff, who may indeed treat it as irrelevant.

This is a subtle distortion of the main argument for executive discretion; namely, that instead of treating a custodial sentence as irrevocable it allows it to be modified in the light of later or better information. The first suggestio falsi is that the parole board's information coincides with the court's, where as it extends well beyond it. But even if it did not, the board uses it in a different way: for example, to assess not culpability but the likelihood of further law-breaking. To call this "re-sentencing" is there-

fore, doubly misleading. But even if parole were resentencing, what is so wrong with that? The system actually provides for it by allowing offenders to appeal against sentence: and other systems— such as the French—allow even later reviews of sentences.

I see nothing wrong—and indeed something desirable—in the idea of a review of a sentence, especially of a long prison sentence. The third argument: The indeter-

minate sentence puts the prisoner so much in the hands of "reaters" that it may not only distort his response but also make him afraid to protest against undesirable features of the institution But this is one of the reasons

why the decision to grant parole is deliberately taken out of the hands of institutional staff by an elaborate machinery. Inevitably local review committees are to some extent influenced by the reports of staff, as are the parole board. Yet if one recognizes this danger, one must also see that it cannot be abolished by abolishing parole, for it is also inherent in remission, which Dr Hood does not attack, and in other features of the prison

Indeed, even a prisoner who can expect no remission can be subjected to other pressures. offences.

The second argument is: Executive release amounts to "resures than those of staff to

'I see nothing wrong, and indeed something desirable. in the idea of

which a prisoner can succumb: called "the inmate sub-culture".

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The fourth argument: The length of sentence should reflect the relative harmfulness of offences, and therefore should be fixed by judges, not the executive.

Even if we grant the premise for the sake of argument, why must it be a judge who assesses the relative harm? Dr Hood simply appeals to the doctrine that an important function of the sentence is to declare and uphold society's condemnation of the offence: if so, the public trial is certainly the place for

The weaknesses in the declaratory argument, however, are notorious. First, there is no evidence that sentences function in this way. Second, it talks of society" as if it were monolithic, with only one set of values: but a sentence which declares the condemnation of Belgravia might well outrage the sentiments of Bermondsey. Anyway, it is essential to this function that the time actually

served be closely related to the time pronounced. Or is it sufficient that the judge has said "six years", and so set the time for which the offender may To do Dr Hood justice, he is

also urging shorter sentences,

alleged declaratory effect would be weekened by early release. But if so, would not the virtual certainty of remission be more damaging than the mere possibility of parole?

The fifth argument: Judicial decisions made with reasons are open to review and debate, whereas decisions based upon clinical diagnosis and [which] have the status of "professional expertise" are difficult to attack and hard to appeal examet. It is unfair to imply that the alter-native to judicial decision is mere clinical diagnosis, when the deci-sions to release depend on many

considerations, few if any of which are "clinical". Again, it is im-pited that executive decisions are not reasoned, whereas the worst that can be said is that the reasons that can be said is that the reasons are not publicly given. Thirdly, we must not idealize judicial reason-ting, it is almost always soundly based on its premists, but in it limited by these premises. Once the judge has decided that imprisonment is called for, in most cases he is then bound to ask himself: "What is the normal reasonmence—or the normal reason. himself: "What is the mormal sentence—or the normal range—for this type of offence?" Having done so, he may then reason thin he should go above or below this, according to any aggravating or mitigating circumstances. But he is normally bound by the tariff; and indeed, it is difficult to imagine a indicid content in which there judicial system in which there would not have to be some sort of tariff, whether for reasons of

The sixth argument: The prisoner's confidence in the just operation of the system is im-

retributive justice, denunciation, deterrence or mere equity.

Again, it is the implication rather than the direct statement which needs scrutiny. It is implied that the prisoner has a confidence in the justice of a judicial sentence which he does not have in an executive decision. To counter one sweeping generalization with another. It would be truer to say that the prisoner has confidence in neither. He knows that the length of a judicial sentence varies from one court to another, since the normal range of sentences allows considerable freedom. Dr Hood himself points out—with statistics—how widely the length of sentence for robbery varies from one part of the country to another : yet he uses this fact only to support but sentences which mean what the proposal to leave it to courts they say. Certainly the shorter to shorten sentences!

Finally, on argument which Dr Hood does not use, but which others have, is : That executive discretion allows administrators to reduce the time served inside in response to pres-

sures, such as overcrowding, to

which they should not respond.

D- Hood himself expressly accepts the need for a power to release a minority of dangerous offenders before the end of a long sentence. In other words, the executive can be crusted to decide that a man is no longer dangerous, but not that he has been successfully treated. This position is tenable only if it is conceded that the decisions which are not based on the rotion of "treatment"; and when this is conceded, the 2.rst argument collapses.

There is undoubtedly, how-ever, a fear that executive discretion will result in premature release of dangerous offenders whether because of optimism or misguided humanity. Now there may be prison systems in which it is a real possibility. But the saleguards built into the English system seem to be a fairly good protection against

Assume a most enlikely Secretary would like to release a dangerous prisoner prema-turely. He cannot do so simply on the advice of prison staff and civil servants: the parole board must recommend the

There are undentable defects in the present parole system: but they call for amendment rather than abolition. The arguments discussed do not cutweigh its essential advantages, namely the possibility of reconsidering the length of sentence (i) at a later date (ii) in the light of later and better information than the sentencer could have (iii) by a body which includes judges but not only judges.

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We felt Rosewall's age more

than he did himself (one last

chance: play for time, Ken, for time will not play for you).

powerful octopus arms. At one

point the American served for

the march and, dolefully, Rose-

wall's eyes studied the ground. Smith missed a volleyed return

and Rosewall went on to make what Bellamy described as "the

best recovery in the history of

tennis", playing like a 17-year-old to reach the final.

There he was defeated by

James Connors, who later beat

him in the United States cham-

pionships as well. But Rosewall will always be "the nice guy among the bullies"—Bellamy's

Muhammad Ali also bridged

a decade, though in a sport that had degenerated in his absence.

At the end of his journey

through the 10 years since he first became world heavyweight

champion by knocking out Sonny Liston, there was no bright young star, no Connors of the

George Foreman, aged 25, was a mute juggernaut on that African night when Ali changed

the butterfly tactics of a life-time and absorbed every punch the champion could raise. In the fifth round Ali rested against the hopes for a full

minute and the crowd shouted:

eighth round Foreman was

nocked out. Neil Allen, our Boxing Corre-

spondent, wrote from Kin-shasha: "As dawn came up

over the stadium we knew that

if we had not seen a great match—it was really too one-sided for that—we had wit-nessed a classic kill which even

the lions upcountry might

Foreman's sold out." In the

ring, to silence him at 32.

words.

How the Order of the Bath climbed the chivalry charts

with his fellow helicopter fliers from the Fleet Air Arm based at Yeovilton. On the Order of the Bath, in succession to his great-uncle, the late

Henry, Duke of Gloucester. From the trivial to the tremendous is not such a great step. The Prince of Wales had just passed his test as a naval lying man, and the banners of the Knights Grand Cross of the Order, which hang in the Anne Boleyn received Chapel of Henry VII at West- costly, coruscated, da tary men-men like Mountand "Bomber" Harris. He is a fitting successor to the soldier-

In comparison with the delicate tracery of the chapel roof, built by the brothers Vertuc, who include St George's Chapel, Windsor, home of the Garter Knights, and King's College Chapel, Cambridge, among their fan-tracery achievements (the first was at the Divinity School at Oxford) the banners of the Knights of the Bath seem almost gaudy in their brightness. The only embroidered banner, at the west end of the Chapel, is that of the Sovereign. The pole oppo-site, which bore the personal standard of Henry, Duke of Gloucester, is empty. The title is not hereditary. Soon the Prince of Wales' standard will

be there. Westminster Abbey is visited by some six or seven million people every year, and the Henry VII Chapel, with the Confessor's Shrine and the Coronation Chair nearby, is the show-piece. Indeed, it could claim to be one of the most beautiful chapels in Europe, with its massive bronze doors, and the tomb of King Henry and his wife, ringed with the iron grille, all the work of the Italian Torri-giani—and with the banners of the Bath which lead the eye up to that symphony in stone, the roof itself.

the roof itself.
Guides pause with their groups, which may come from Milwaukee or Milan, Tokyo or Toronto, Melbourne or Manchester, for this is the penultimate moment of the Abbey tour, before the glimpse of the Coronation Chair, with its Stone of Scone. As a Marshal at Westminster Abbey this seaat Westminster Abbey this season. I found it difficult to explain the story of the Order of the Bath with the brevity Chapel, it is likely that a expected by the hurrying member of one of the two families has close connexions with order. easy: it is an anomal when knights the Order.

Chivalry and when knights There are six present officebethed. The cleansing ceremony Great Master: the Dean, Bath was to express a desire for purity of living. The ritual was actually associated with a bath —it's nothing to do with the

But the more one studies the history of the Order, the more obvious it becomes that only after its re-constitution by King George the First, who actually took a bath in com-pany with his knights in 1725, did the Order become an offi-cial one, as it is known today. Its status is what one might call number four in the chivalry charts, following the Garter, the Thistle, and St Patrick. It was set up in 1725 by Prime Minister Robert Walpole (at the suggestion of one John Anstis, Garter King-at-Arms) as a military order, and not until 1847 was it divided, as it is today into military order.

ot Bath—and so on.

is today, into military and civil classes. There is, therefore, a sort of dichotomy between the present Order, now headed by Prince Charles, which figures in every Honours List, and the pictur-esque but rather ill-defined group of knights who first

appeared at the coronation of King Richard II in July, 1377. Dean Stanley, in his famous book on the Abbey, describes

centuries after Henry VIII dis-

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of home

Prince Charles was in the news how the young king was recently for attending a convive accompanied by a body of ial party, with cider, at the knights who, having been duly Devon town of Okehampton, washed in a bath, assumed washed in a bath, assumed their knightly dress, and escorted him to the palace". But there are even earlier same day a more prosaic but references. Bathing was menequally fitting announcement tioned at the knighting of was made that the Queen had Henry Plantagener in 1127, appointed her son to be Great more than a century before the Most Honourable the present Abbey was built. At the coronation of Henry

IV in 1399, 46 squires were created knights, with the full bathing ritual, the men being wrapped afterwards in blan kets. It is almost as if Colonel Blimp, emerging from his Turkish both, was the first to be entitled to the Order. When dazzling minster, are most of them mili- coronation in 1533, the Knights of the Bath were there, "in gowns of violet, puriled with miniver like doctors". But in the celebrated painting by Canaletto, incorporating the procession outside the twin towers of the Abbey, the knights are robed in Today their robes are of oyster satin, with scarlet linings, and the sight of the Knights at a ceremonial service is some-thing no one could forget. The Garter ceremony at Windsor is the one which gets all the publicity, but I will wager that when Prince Charles is installed as Great Master, the

Bath ceremony will be a truly

Robert Walpole received

noble one.

royal letters retent in 1725, setting up the sovereign as the supreme head of the Order, with a royal prince as his com-panion, a Great Master and 35 companions. The first Master was Lord Montagu, Earl of Halifax, and the Dean of Westminster was made Dean of the Order. It is said that Walpole encouraged his king to revive the Order because he had had so many applications from would be holders of the Order of the Garter. "As such", writes Dean Stanley, "he offered it to Sarah, Duchess of orrered it to Sarah, Duchess of Mariborough, for her grandson. "No", she said. "nothing but the Garter." "Madam", said Walpole, "they who take the Bath will the sooner have the Garter." Under the new statutes, the first knight created was a four-year-old boy, later to become William, Duke of Cumberland, son of King George II. Because of his tender age, he was excused the ceremony of the bath, but pre-sented a small sword at the altar in the Henry VII chapel, where all the Bath ceremonies have since taken place. Today,

Great Master: the Dean, Bath King-at-Arms, the register and secretary, a genealogist, the gentleman usher of Scarles Rod, and a deputy secretary.

The question so often asked by visitors to Westminster Abbey and the Henry VII Chapel is, "How long do those banners stay there? The simple answer is that they disappear with the death of the man whose name and title they represent. But the continuity is kept by the placing of a small medallion, displaying his name and armorial bearings, on one of the walls behind the choirstalls. The earlier medallions are all inscribed in French. but they are now modernized. American visitors are glad to know that Dwight D. Eisenhower, as a general, was dur-ing his later lifetime a Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. So, between the trappings of history and the terse print of the Honours Lists, the Order of the Bath continues, centred Westminster Abbey. Prince Charles, with has naval and flying record, should prove a

fitting new Great Master. Michael Barsley

Sportsview

The year veterans showed youngsters a thing or two

At the age of 51, Percy Wells Cerutty, an Australian athletics coach and minor guru, finished a marathon in a Victorian State record time and later became only the third Australian to run work again, and probably live for only two years. His recovery was medically and athletically baffling and eccentric: he took battling and eccentric: he took up walking and running and studied philosophy, religion and physiology. Later he said: "It was like becoming a child again and believing in fairy godmothers." Several times this year I have been reminded of Cerutty when "old mon" in Cerutty when "old men" in a variety of sports flourished
Even in this midwinter month,
Colin Cowdrey was whisked
away for an Indian summer in
Australia Recalled to duty for England at 41, he appeared to the old cricket enemy as some portly country squire, who would blow red in the face. Cynically they said England had come to a some visits when had come to a sorry plight when a gentleman had to be called from his port wine at Christmas time to face fast bowlers slinging cannon shot head high

Cowdrey repelled them with Fred Titmus, a year his senior, as his lieutenant. Tirmus was the highest scorer for England in a second Test that shattered the younger men. Only a formight before he had asked our Cricket Correspondent, John Woodcock, to write home that he was " alive and well". These over-thirties are the mellow men, who remind us of days when players did not come "out of the tunnel as if

going to Vietnam, the description by Joe Mercer when he, too, was brought back to be England's football caretaker manager with refreshing manager" with refreshing effect on the minds and feet of players previously regimented by numbers.

Placing age before the selfclaimed beauty of Muhammad
Ali, the champion veteran of

1974, was Sam Suead, 62, a golfer who in successive de-cades played against Sarszen, Nelson, Hogan, Palmer, and Nicklaus, and was spry Nicklaus, and was spry enough this summer to finish equal third in the American PGA championship.

Reg Harris: He came back to beat riders half his age.

him were Trevino and Nicklaus. He then came to England and in practice for the Benson and Hedges tournament Fulford had a hole in one from 194

After the PGA event, Peter Ryde, our Golf Correspondent, said: "The golfing public has become used to his extraordinary defiance of the years, but in a highly competitive world, his performance must rank as one of the greatest for his age."

Reg Harris, five times world sprint champion in days when crowds packed Herne Hill, not only returned to cycle racing and won the British professional sprint championship at 54, but revived the forgotten feeling for an occasion—now they call it "showmanship" because if it The only names ahead of is seen at all in sport it is usually contrived and affecta-At Leicester in the summer.

Harris, beaming prosperity and riding the same red Raleigh bike on which he won his world titles, beat riders half his age. The crowd stood to applaud. Harris stood alone on the track and bowed. He presented his wife with the bouquet, and said he measured his success by "seven broadcasts, three tele-vision interviews, and countless press conferences ".

Harris's name reappearing in the record book will raise the same questions that a future generation will inquire of Ken Rosewall. In his book The Tennis Set, my colleague, Rex Bellamy, said: "Youngsters now in their cots and cradles will ask: 'Hey, were all those Rosewalls the same guy?'"

final, farewell appearances at Wimbledon. His latest is always his last, and the last was nearly his best. This year, at 39, he was the oldest finalist since 1912, and the only man to play in finals 20 years apart. Already he had become the first to win the United States singles championship across a span of 14.

continued the new era of the pop image" personified in Bjorn Borg, the David Essex of tennis, the Swedish idol who would bring the girls stampeding across the hallowed centre court. Instead, it brought sighs and gasps and polite tea-time applause from middle-aged mothers as the Brylcreem Rosewall fought to the final, beating

Rosewall has made several

Wimbledon 74 was to have Angelo Dundee, Ali's trainer, said: "My man was faster; he looked taller, and you know, he actually looked younger." I will not deny Ali's right to ne last word: "I want to haun the boxing world for probably another six months and have my name in Ring magazine and let all the boxers, scholars, and critics look at it."

Norman Fox

Wealth tax men should spare a thought for Lord Egremont

George Hutchinson

With the spirit of goodwill, good works and charity still upon us (I trust), it may be timely to glance at Mr Healey's prospective wealth taxand then look back.

A wealth tax can no doubt be justified in principle, but not in Britain. It would be hard to defend in a country already burdened by personal taxation as severe as our own. If existing taxes were apprecia-bly lower, then perhaps the innovation might be considered acceptable. Not as things are.

One of the inescapable social effects would be to injure charitable causes of every description. Museums, art galleries, cultural, educational and scientific institutions of all kinds would suffer, private patronage would wither until it was finally extinguished. Everyone would eventually lose those who had to pay the tax and the many more affected by its inexorable consequences.

With this in mind, I was thinking about the superb Turner exhibition at the Royal Academy. That is to say I was thinking about our greatest painter and his principal patron, George Wyndham, third Earl of Egrement. But for that Lord Egremont

(1751 to 1837), who knows whether Turner could have done as much as he did, or so congenially? Turner and Petwortin—Turner and Egremont—are inseparable. I turn to them both in the

words of my friend John Egremont who died, all too soon, in 1972. I had the pleasure of editing his memoirs, Wyndham and Children First (Macmillan £2.25p) in 1968. No one could have had a

livelier appreciation of an engaging predecessor. He engaging predecessor. He seemed to feel that he had really known han, and certainly appeared to know everything about him. "George Egremont",

wrote, "was humane, cultured, observant, sprightly, accurate, shrewd, eccentric, benevolent, well grounded in the classics,

of literary and artistic bent, highly competent in business and all practical affairs, a leading landowner and agricultural reformer, Lord Lieutenant of his county in the most literal sense of the term, and a win-ner of five Derbys and five Oaks, all but one with horses bred by himself." He had £100,000 a year.

He was shy, with a strong preference for the company of artists rather than landed gran-was no dees like himself, going about you didn'the great rooms of Perworth just left. House, hat

dogs at his

bled", as John Egremont recorded. "Wine made him uncomfortable; and he thought that the constant gains of some players weren't due to chance

"George Egremont was generous to people in all walks of life artisans, artists and

"He neither drauk nor gam-

duchesses. Turner was his frequent guest at Perworth.
Under him, Perworth House
was like a huge inn with was nee a nuge inn with visitors coming and going as they pleased: they were welcome without notice. There was no leave-taking either: you didn't say goodbye, you

nurses goiaing

sure whose children they were. "There were artists all over the place, some doing original works, others copying Van Dycks. In the Old Library you

might have discovered Sir William Beechey altering the figure and background of Gainsborough's portrait of Egremont's mother. Then there would be Carew, the sculptor, modelling and messing about in his bedroom, or chiselling a medallion or two downstairs."

Turner first arrived at Petworth in 1809, We may ima-gine his feelings as he gazed at the house, one of the great palaces of Europe, and its park. He was given a room to work in, and always kept the door locked: no one but his patron was allowed to enter. Petworth has 22 Turner pictures and they are, said John Egremont, "among the most precious possessions of the house. The Turner Room, where some of them are hung.

by these pictures coruscating on lion-coloured walls and ref lected in a big rococo looking glass set between the windows Light was the ally with which Turner carried all before him, filling his pictures with impalpable and haunting pre-

him of one of his pictures:
"Yes, but you know I never see sunsets as you paint them", Turner retorted: No. but wouldn't you like to . . ? " George Wyndham third Earl of Egremont, a supreme artist found a wonderful patron. There are no patrons quite like him today (no Turners either), but philan-thropic instincts, and the capacity to satisfy them, have not been extinguished. The first will never be extinguished. The second may. e Times Newspapers Lid, 1974 head of the Anglican communion in Namibia, six years

Before King Harry inter-fered, the abbey collected titles Turner, he wrote, was "a brilliant curmudgeon". When somebody fatuously said to from outlying farms and stored them for the Priory in Ahingdon, a couple of miles away. But from now on its "tithes". like its visitors, will come from much more diverse and distant places. The All-Africa Council Churches and the Lutheran World Federation have given

apply.

the centre their blessing, and the World Council of Churches has promised hard cash. But the credit for the enterprise must go to Colin Sinter, who became Bishop of Damara-land in South-West Africa, and

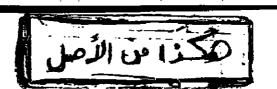
A medieval abbey in Oxford-shire marked this week its offi-cial return-more than four children and two assistants. children and two assistants. He was expelled from the territory by the South Africans for championing the rights of strikers in 1972 and came to solved the monasteries—to something like its original function, with very early morning England.

ing and sufficiency agriculture. He sees the abbey as a place where exiles like himself can But there are differences: the new "abbot" is an Anglimeet and forget their bedsitter can bishop and a committed socialist, its "brothers" and loneliness and frustration; where seven or eight Namibian chief beneficiaries will be black, and the habits of strict students could live together in an atmosphere of love while worship and celibacy will not studying courses which would help their country after inde-The abbey, a rambling house whose winding passages skirt a flagged inner courtyard, is hid-

We have got to try and de-Westernize the church, and get back to an integrity of ministry, Courtenay by a high stone wall. It will be "reconsecrated" in a working beside the people and going back to the biblical roots which link Christianity with the labouring poor, and developing an African rhythm and style". he says.
Peter Katjivivi the London

representative of the South West Africa People's Organization has already set the seal on the partnership by wielding fork, shears and rake alongside the bishop, while the process of the abbey's integration into the surrounding community has been boosted by painting par ties from the teacher training college at nearby Culham. The bishop concedes that the villagers may be slightly in nerved by the sight of a constant stream of black faces, but believes that weekly open evenings should allay any local

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THE CHILTERNS BECKON

It would be a relief for all concerned if Mr John Stonehouse were to apply at once for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds. If he is still of a mind to start a new life in Australia, if he is permitted to do so, and if he is now capable of a coherent plan of action, he will vacate his seat. But those are big "ifs" in the context of this extraordinary story. It is conceivable that he will let the matter of the membership of the House of Commons lie, or that he will come back and try to reestablish his political career. The second of those alternatives is certainly consonant with his personality.

In case of that, it is possibly worth remembering that he does not hold his seat in Parliament by favour of the Leader of the House, or of the national executive committee of the Labour Party, or of his constituency chairman. He holds it by right of election in North Walsall. Nor, strictly speaking can he or any other MP resign his seat. He can only disqualify himself from occupying it. The painless way of doing that is by applying for the stewardship of the Chiltern Hundreds or the Manor of Northstead, nominal offices of

a man from sitting in the Commons. The painful way of doing it is for an MP so to conduct himself as to be judged unfit by the House to be a member of it and to be expelled.

Over the years the Commons has found various grounds sufficient for expulsion. Nor is the list necessarily closed. Conviction of a criminal offence other than treason does not automatically disqualify or lead to expulsion. Miss Bernadette Devlin, when member for Mid-Ulster, was con-victed of riotous behaviour and incitement and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. She was not expelled. Peter Baker, a one time MP for South Norfolk, was convicted of forgery and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in 1954. He was expelled. A member who is expelled is not disabled from standing for election again, though he may be again excluded—Wilkes and Bradlaugh.

The Commons has not always been wise but it has generally been sparing in its exercise of this jurisdiction. So it should be, for expulsion ruptures the constitutionally fundamental relationship between a member of Parliament and the electors of his profit under the Crown whose constituency. Above all the tenure automatically disqualifies House is required to approach

the question in a judicial spirit. That requirement implies in the case of Mr Stonehouse that members of Parliament refrain from passing judgment at this stage on his suitability for con-tinued membership of the Commons. He has staged an evidently premeditated, and unsuccessful disappearance and change of public identity. For that purpose is alleged that he obtained a false passport (a criminal offence) and procured another birth certificate which he was not entitled to present as his own. Most of the rest of the story is rumour and speculation.

How all this should be judged

to affect his fitness to sit in the

Commons depends on three developments: clarification of his motives and state of mind when ducking out; clarification of his future intentions; and clarification of his claim that he was being blackmailed. Unless Mr Stonehouse is prepared to anticipate any judgment the House may come to by applying for the Chiltern Hundreds, MPs should proceed with deliberation -and the electors of North Walsall brace themselves for a possible wait. They would not be the first constituents to suffer the inconveniences of inactive

representation.

THE DESTRUCTION OF DARWIN

The devastation of Darwin does not rank among the world's largest disasters. The death roll is smaller and the physical damage less extensive than after many other natural disasters, such as the Skopje earthquake of 1963 or the Bangladesh floods of 1970. But numerical comparisons do not mean very much. The almost complete destruction of a town containing roughly as many people as Folkestone evokes a response that is not proportionate to figures on a numbered scale. Many people have died and a great many more have lost not only material possessions but the entire familiar pattern of their lives. No one can measure this loss, and no amount of physical restoration can wholly replace what has gone. It may not even be possible to rebuild the eigy on the same site, in which case nature will have achieved more than the massive bombing raids of 1942.

Storms of this type strike in

known faults in the earth's crust. It is therefore difficult to take special precautions against them, such as building to certain specifications. The best hope is a good forecasting system and reasonably solid buildings. But nothing that is realistic in terms of cost and other factors can provide complete protection from freak weather. Enormous provide complete damage was done on Britain's east coast in 1953, when 307 people lost their lives. Nine years later 343 people were killed by storms and floods in Hamburg. Scarcely any part of the globe is immune.

The north coast of Australia is in fact fairly well accustomed to cyclones, and Darwin had ample warning of this one, which pro-bably belped to reduce the death stronger that wind was much stronger that expected Darwin has grown rapidly in recent years, and has a lot of timber houses, but even brick structures had roofs torn off, so conditions were clearly less predictable places than normally provided for. There are play a part in restoring whatever earthquakes, which mostly follow limits to the precautions that can can be restored.

be made for abnormal weather. Even so, the disaster will not have helped Mr Whitlam, the Prime Minister. He has already been under criticism for making a long trip abroad at a time when his country is suffering from inflation and unemployment. The fact that the cyclone struck while he was absent will create unhappy if irrational associations in people's minds.

Darwin will probably not need massive international relief operations of the type mounted in poorer parts of the world. The Australian authorities already seem to be coping reasonably well, and financially they are in a better position than most to look after themselves. Nevertheless, with all the personal connexions which exist between people in Britain will want to do more than express sympathy. They will want to give tangible help to the people of Darwin and

LAY-OFFS IN THE MOTOR INDUSTRY

It looks increasingly as if the New Year will usher in programmes of severe redundancies in the motor-car industry. Indeed, the process would probably already be further advanced but for the fact that the managements concerned preferred not to blight the holiday period for their employees. The most important single move has been from Chrysler, the American subsidiary, which has already announced that it is putting 5,000 of its Scottish workers on to a three-day week for the last three weeks of January as part of its plans to reduce production. Unless there is, for some quite unexpected reason, a marked improvement in car sales, shorttime working will inevitably lead to actual redundancies. And other car manufacturers and component makers will be forced

to take the same action. The motor-car industry, here as in every industrial country, is a central part of the manufacturing economy. Its strength and weakness are a close measure of the condition of the economy as

a whole. To the extent that the management of Chrysler UK is closely supervised by its parent company in the United States, the subsidiary in this country may be somewhat quicker than a purely domestic company in responding to the changed situation in the industry. It would, however, be wrong to suggest that American masters are forcing a British company to initiate unnecessarily stringent economy measures. The fact is that no car manufacturer can continue to employ labour and produce cars if it is not achieving the necessary sales. As the domestic and international recession deepens, the levels of employment can only fall.

If, as seems likely, the rate of lay-offs increases in the New Year, two aspects of Government policy will be put to a severe test. Mr Healey, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, has more or less explicitly accepted that, in the interests of containing inflation, he is prepared to accept a transitional unemployment level of up to one million. He must be as

aware as anyone of the political and other pressures that would build up if it became clear that the million mark was soon to be reached and then surpassed. Yet, in the interests of economic stabilization, the Chancellor dare not embark on any general reflation of the economy until it is clear that the general level of wage settlements is down to an acceptable level.

Increased redundancies in the motor industry and elsewhere will equally bring the policies of Mr Benn under strain. For Mr Benn seems determined, wherever possible, to use the powers of the existing Industry Act (and the new Industry Bill at present being drafted) to preserve employ-ment. It may be that, by the use of financial guarantees from the Government or the direct injection of taxpayers' money, uneconomic jobs can be preserved for a while longer in companies like British Leyland. But even Mr Benn will have to face the fact that, in a period of deep industrial depression, un-

employment will inevitably rise.

been once, but now it no longer suffices to prepare students for their own personal lives and work—the casualties and the short-falls are too severe in terms of human happiness and effectiveness and thus derivatively in society at large. What is required is interrelated experience and education, reflected on and assimilated. The Vice-Chancellor of Brunel University touched on this central issue in his excellent letter (December 2), not least I suspect

It is greatly to be hoped that the discussion could be widened on the

Yours sincerely, PETER VENABLES, 15 Forest Road, Moseley. Birmingham.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is there, or is there not, a crisis?

From Mr A. R. B. Hore Sir, I wish someone would tell me whether or not we are all in a frightful mess. I am not sure that I mind any longer which way it is as long as I know because then I shall know what to do.

According to the news media, my stockbroker, many politicians (mainly from Opposition parties), a number of civil servants and a sprinkling of businessmen the situation is almost unbearably grisly. But according to my day to day experience nothing could be further from the truth.

from the truth.

I know that petrol costs a lot more than it did but I do not see any diminution in traffic; I appreciate that prices in the shops and restaurants have shot up but I still find both institutions full to bursting; I understand that industry is in difficulty but I note that a substantial number of companies are still turning in substantial profits. And of course I am told that we are lazy and yet most people I know are working hard enough to bust. So what is wrong?

Naturally I am also told that I

am living on borrowed time in a fool's paradise. But I was told this last Christmas and the Christmas before that. Just you wait, my friend, until next year!

For years we have been telling ourselves that we are living in times of crisis, but a crisis, according to my dictionary, means a turning point and it is a physical impossibility always to be at a turning point—although, come to think of it. perhaps this explains why I feel a

Maybe we have reached a turning point now in which case will someone please tell me. my family and

Editors and a closed shop From the Editor of The Guardian

Sir, Before the demon king dis-appears in a puff of smoke over Ebbw Vale, could we tidy up one or two points?

The national newspaper editors did not tell the Secretary of State for Employment last week that there could be no talks with the NUJ and others. They told him that the success of any such talks was likely to be jeopardized if he refused to give parliamentary backing to free-dom of communication. Nor did they say, as his letter (December 24) implies, that they wanted something difficult to be imposed by law. On the contrary, they wanted exemption for newspapers and broadcasting from the provision in his Bill by which men and women may be dis-missed without compensation if they refuse to join a specified trade union in a closed shop situation.
They said to him that since the

Labour Government in 1965 insisted on a special section about news-papers in its Monopolies and

THEST TO CLOSE HOSPICARS From Dr L. R. Twentyman and

Sir, May we refer to the recent concernin Garrett Anderson Hospital and draw your attention to the fact that in addition to this hospital there are others fulfilling a national function which are under threat.

The Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital in Great Ormond Street is in a similar situation. Because it draws patients who want homoeopathic treatment from all over the country, the old management com-mittee submitted a National Plan for Homoeopathy within the National Health Service in which it was envisaged that the Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital would be the national centre for postgraduate teaching in cooperation with the Faculty of Homoeopathy and would be designated a "Special Health Authority" in its own right under subsection (6) of section 5 of

the proposed Reorganization Act.

The Department of Health and Social Security saw fit to turn this request down which was made as long ago as April, 1973. An alternawhich was made as tive plan was suggested by the de-partment that there might be a statutory Homoeopathic Advisory Committee set up at Regional Health Authority level under section 8(2) of the new Act but after months of delaying tactics the new Act came into being on April 1, 1974, and the hospital's management committee was dissolved leaving no nego-tiating body in being to continue

Since April 1, 1974, no further progress has been made and repeated attempts by the Homoeopathic Research and Educational Trust and the Faculty of Homoeo-

my friends which way to turn. No need to frighten me with dark threats, just tell me. But please do threats, just tell me. But please do not go on telling me that everything is terrible when it is not or that we are going to have even more frightful turning points next year, because if you do I and my friends will ignore you all, carrying on in our own possibly idiotic and almost certainly selfish ways until we have finally succeeded in talking ourselves into a crisis. Yours faithfully.

Yours faithfully, A. R. B. HORE, 253 Petersham Road, Petersham, Surrey.

From Mr Mclvyn Bragg

Sir, I wrote to you some months ago about what I thought was the excess of facile pessimism and self-indulgent gloom in the air, on the screen and particularly on the page. Since then the forecasts, not least since then the torecasts, not least from your leaflets and their twin captains Levin and Jay have plun-ged to a new low. Allowing for the inflation of language I would say that, in real terms, comment has less purchasing power now than at any time since the Shorter Oxford was revised

Therefore, at the risk of being called a mere Pangloss, I would make three modest predictions for 1975. (1) Parliamentary democracy will not break down; (2) hyper-inflation—on a South America par-tern—will not occur; and (3) the barbarians will not take over our

If Ladbrokes would care to open a Doomsday Book, Pd even place a

Yours faithfully, MELVYN BRAGG. 9 Gayton Road, NW3.

Mergers Act, today's Labour Government ought to make similar pro-vision in its Trade Union Bill. If monopoly ownership had to be prevented, so must control by a single editorial trade union be avoided. That would still be true even if the

NUJ and its policy makers were the fairy godmothers in whom Mr Foot

wants us to believe.
With Mr Foot, I welcome the initiative of the general-secretary of the NUJ in seeking further and broader discussion. That discussion will be greatly helped if Mr Foot offers parliamentary backing for freedom of communication. It is hard to see why he will not protect newspapers and broadcasting. The TUC is unlikely to object. If the wording of a clause for his Bill still worries him, I am sure that by letting his parliamentary draftsmen spend a couple of hours with one or two of us he can soon have a satisfactory answer.

ALASTAIR HETHERINGTON. The Guardian, 192 Grays Inn Road, WC1.

officials of the Kegrone. Health Authorities have completely failed. Like the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, communication with the authorities has been local has been lost and the endowment funds of both hospitals (subscribed for specific purposes) are now in the hands of the Area Health Authority.

One wonders whether this lack of communication is a deliberate policy of attrition by the department who by doing nothing are effectively running down the medical staff, lowering morale among nurses and ancillary staff and slowly killing small hospitals with a national function.

The expense of keeping such hospitals open in South Camden is always quoted as a reason for pos-sible closure but in comparison with some of the very large hospitals the amount is minimal and the depart-ment should allot national funds to these hospitals instead of adopting a parochial attitude that Camden cannot afford to keep hospitals open which do not exclusively serve hose patients who live in the immediate area. Yours faithfully.

L. R. TWENTYMAN, Consultant Physician, BARBARA EVANS, Consultant Pathologist. NORMAN L. MILLS. Consultant Radiologist, WENDY LEWINGTON, Consultant Gynaecologist, A. J. MERRY, Consultant Augesthetist. M. C. BARRACLOUGH, Secretary,

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The increases in top salaries

From Mr Hugh Saunders Sir, Many of us are concerned at the ineptitude of the Government

the ineptitude of the Government in publishing the recent report on Top Salaries, without giving any indication of what the suggested increases really mean.

Most of the people concerned are in very high tax brackets so that a salary increase of several thousand pounds would almost entirely be refunded to the Government, leaving the recipient better off by only a

the recipient better off by only a

few pounds per week.

This would seem to be a rather ridiculous case of recycling and quite unnecessary, but to many people who are not familiar with the tax position of high income earners the improvement of the property of the company of the co the impression must be given of huge and lavish hand-outs to rich people at a time of national crisis. If as I imagine one of the main purposes of the proposals is to help the pension position of these senior

and deserving public servants, surely a simpler and more effective way of doing it can be found—and one which can be understood by the ordinary citizen. Yours sincerely.

HUGH SAUNDERS, Flat 2, 2 Chichester Terrace, Kemp Town, Brighton, Sussex.

From Mr C. E. Knight

Sir, Now that the question of Members of Parliament's salaries is being raised, I would have thought that it would be a disaster if they are increased during this crisis in which we are living. I think they should voluntarily accept a 10 per cent reduction and set themselves up as an example for the rest of the country of follows. the country to follow.

It seems obvious that our present standard of living has got to fall and if everyone were called upon to accept a 10 per cent reduction in salaries or wages, prices would fall rapidly and we should be well on the way to curing our inflation. But this needs an example from the top-and why shouldn't MPs make the gesture. Yours faithfully,

C. E. KNIGHT, Crawley Down, Sussex.

From the Principal of Sheffield Polytechnic Sir, If the Houghton committee has indeed proposed a basis of parity between polytechnic and university teachers, and that parity is imple mented, then a great injustice of the educational world will have been removed. Even so, I can find no pleasure in the justice which will increase my own salary by 40 per

If this increase, and other substantial increases for those teachers who, like myself, are already comfortably affluent (albeit, less affluent than a year ago), are within the social contract, then the demand for credulity evoke a cymcar fetpouse.

Either we are, as a nation, in grave and desperate situation, we are not. If we are, and I a sure we are, then this is no time for largesse with public money, and the goes for "Top Peoples' " salaries to Let us, by all means, establish it principles of justice and equity salary scales and structures, but

us be sure that we are also esta-lishing the conditions under which the principles can be realized at preserved. Deferment of substantial creases in already ample salaric would cause no hardship, provide that schemes are worked out fr concomitant pensions benefits. II savings in the national bill would not, of themselves, cure inflatio but the causes of inflation ar-after all only partially econom-and largely moral. A few example of determined concern and leade

ship might help us all beyon

measure. Yours faithfully, G. TOLLEY, Sheffield Polytechnic, Pond Street, Sheffield.

From Mr A. J. Pettitt

Sir, As I am unaffected (save as taxpayer) by the increases in the salaries of under-secretaries an others; and as the case for ever these limited increases seem likely to go by default; may I put the case in reply to your correspondent, Mr Ian Gow, MP? (Dec. ember 24).

1. When there is inflation of thing order of 20 per cent, to fail to give salary increases awarded or recommended for any one group of people is, in effect, to reduce their standard of living by 20 per cent a year. If Mr Gow believes in such a socialist policy of "levelling down", should not this be effected openly and by positive actions such openly and by positive actions sucl as taxation and/or a levy, if it is to be effected?

Why must it be always public and civil servants who are singled out for the process advocated by Mr Gow? Have they not on many similar past occasions been forced by the Government of the day to se an example; which, of course, no one else then follows?

3. Since the limited increases which have been awarded are based on what others "outside" in industry and elsewhere have alreads been enjoying for some time, would not the denial of these increases be, in effect, to penalize twice over those for whom they have been recommended? 4. Is not the root cause of all this furore the lengthy periods which

have elapsed between the reviews of the salaries in question, and which make the awards seem then that much greater? Happily present Government have, I think sensibly, proposed to remedy this by annual reviews. I am. Sir.

Yours faithfully, browley, Kent.

The price of sugar

From Mr John Southgate Sir, In all the press coverage of the current sugar negotiations between the developing countries, the EEC and the British Government I have seen no adequate account of the effect of the proposals on the developing countries. I retired in the autumn of 1972 as Executive Director of the Commonwealth Sugar Exporters' Association and have had no part at all in the present nego-tiations, but the following are the The developing countries have been offered by the EEC access for 1.4m tons indefinitely subject to periodic review at a minimum guaranteed price "within the struc-

ture of Community prices. The first reason that the negotiations have so far failed is that the Commission have offered an inadequate minimum price within the Community terms of reference. On top of the minimum price the Community had said that Britain may pay a supplement "at least for 1975 because of the very high world price, but they have added that Britain cannot guarantee a price totalling more than £200. developing countries are insisting:

price must not be less and should be more than the £140 per ton Britain is paying under the Com-monwealth Sugar Agreement; (b) that the supplement should be related to the world price and must be for more than one year:

(a) that the minimum guaranteed

at least as long as the world price is significantly higher than the minimum price;
(c) that £200 is inadequate in

present circumstances, but it must be added that in the light of the long-term arrangement they are not seeking anything like the total world price.

There are two reasons for this stand. First, the sale at £200 per ton in 1975 compared with the present world price would wipe out in one

year all the benefits they have received from the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement over 21 years. Second, if the world price comes down (to below £200 per ton in 1975) and to below the minimum guaranteed price thereafter, the measure of the over-payment made by Britain and the Community would be comparatively small and calculable. But if the world price stays high or coes higher, the developing countries could be seen to have thrown away bundreds of millions of pounds a year. This is politically and economically an acceptable to countries suffering from ramount imported inflation

and chronic shortage of foreign exchange. Therefore there must be

world price while this is higher

some benefit to them from

than the minimum evaranteed price. If this is not arranged, the sugar cannot be forthcoming. Yours faithfully, IOBN SOUTHGATE. 4a Douglas House,

Maida Vale, W2.

December 20.

Ownership of Rockall

From Mr Peter Clarke Sir, The news that the Danish Government disputes the ownership of Rockall merits some attention.
The willingness of the Government
to placate the other nations of the
EEC makes one fear that we could forfeit the islet in return for a Danish concession on sugar beet or some other commodity made artificially scarce by EEC rules.

Rockall extends Invernessshire, and the United Kingdom, 191 miles further west than the Hebrides. The chances are very real that the deve-lopment of underwater mining techniques could make the islet a source of unknown wealth.

As the Danish claim is geologically

sensible (it is part of the Faroe Group) I can only hope that the Government is jealous of its owner-ship, and doesn't lose Rockall as we lost Heligoland. Yours &c. PETER CLARKE.

84 St George's Square, SW1.

Public lending right From Mr David Benedictus

Sir, Writers don't want a levy on borrowings from the public libraries. A free library service is as essential as free swimming baths, free street lights, and all the rest. And to suggest, as Messrs Hurd and Lawson do (December 20), that the tax-payer should not subsidize this service, but that those who use the libraries should, is as logical as proposing that children should pay for schooling, criminals for jails, and the unemployed for unemployment benefits.

The ideal way to pay for the PLI. The ideal way to pay for the PLIloans sampling system—the only
one that's fair and practical—ithrough an extended copyrigh
scheme, as proposed by Henry Ceci
in your columns last summer. Busuch a scheme may not be rushed or
to the statute book; many complicated details remain to be worked
out So in the meantime a grant from out. So in the meantime a grant fron the Exchequer will do very nicely and we are grateful to Hugh Jenkin. for his promise to find the where All we want is to be able to con

tinue to write books. Yours faithfully DAVID BENEDICTUS. The Pelican, 20 Alexandra Road,

East Twickenham, Middlesex.

The British Library

From Professor T. A. Birrell Sir, All overseas pilgrims to the British Library will read with amaze ment and dismay of the latest planfor its ultimate destination. So the Old Royal Library of the Kings of England, the King's Library, Domes day Book, Magna Carta, Beowulf and Shakespeare's First Polios are to be housed on a disused railway goods yard at Euston.

No other civilized notion in the world would choose such an ignominious location for its national treasures. If that is not selling Britain short, I do not know the meaning of the phrase. Yours faithfully, T. A. BIRRELL,

Instituut Engels Amerikaans, Erasmuslaan 40. Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

Break before university From Sir Peter Venables

Sir, In his letter (December 5) Sir John Masterman thinks it not to be regretted that many of the students promised places at Monash University did not take them up after the break Before the practice of the break has a charce to become wide spread at British universities with similar results, it would be as well to consider some aspects which have been overlooked or even deliberately ignored.

Others besides Sir John have sathered opinions from students who return, but what valid sample of opinion has ever been taken of those who do not return? What influences have determined their permanent absence, and especially what adverse social factors have supervened—it could so easily be yet another case of "from him that hath not ..." And as for him, what about her-why do correspondents deal so exclusively with men, when a major aim should he to increase opportunities for women in higher education? If the break operated for them would the already deprived be still further disadvantaged, especially if they marry. The present position concerning grants to married women is surely a clear enough warning: or is the assumption implicit that women do not need such (assumed) wider experience before higher education? The question of grant affects men, 100, not least because marriage happens to them also. In such cases especially the break before uni-

versity may extend to several years, but is the student then to return on the same level of grant as he would have had in the first place? Nothing could more certainly ensure that still fewer would return to study. Expenditure would then of course be quietly contained within limits assumed to be justifiable.

Again, what is the actual proportion who allegedly drift unwittingly from school to university, and why has this supposedly serious pheno-menon remained minvestigated by valid survey? Meanwhile hunch and hearsay prevail sustained by fin ancial pressures, and some highly inconvenient educational problems, to contain if not actively to reduce enrolments. All too easily may academic convenience be rationalized as an educational advance. Why indeed should we think that indusry and commerce and other forms of occupation and experience will be able to solve the personal, social and educational problems of young would be students, when those skilled in teaching in our higher educational institutions—or is it only in the universities—are allegedly quite unable to do so? Of course there are dedicated academics, devoted to research and graduate students, who would wish the problems of undergraduates solved elsewhere, even by the psychodynamic force of the market place where forces of the market place, whatever the results may prove to be for the

One further assumption needs examination, which is that "experience" is self-sufficient. It may have

because of his experience in industry and his strong commitment to sand wich courses.

discussion could be widened on the basis of how this fruitful interrelationship can be more generally established, not as an afterthought for a single year, but as a prime necessity over the years of adult life. A break before university or polytechnic or college is peripheral to what should be a commitment to life long learning. The practical lifelong learning. The practical problems will be very substantial and tackling them will require great and enlightened cooperation alike from educators and administrators, industry, commerce and the professions—and a vasily more encouraging lead and support from government than has yet been forthcoming in support of the Russell Report, which was presented to the then government on December 5,

Cathedral collapses From Professor J. Heyman

Sir, Mr P. Silsby in his letter today (December 16) draws attention to the large number of collapses which occurred in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries. A common feature almost all the examples cited by Mr Silsby is that collapse occurred within a generation of the completion of the work.

There are in fact two critical periods within the early life of a large masoury structure. The first is at the time the original timber centering on which the stones have been set is removed; if the building is of the wrong shape, it will be unable to stand without its original support. However, a very wide range of shapes is possible, and it needs an exceptionally ignorant designer (as William Edwards with his bridges at Ponty-Pridd) to achieve an instant collapse of this sort

The second critical period is

associated with the settlement of the foundations. With or without seemingly flimsy "bundles of faggots", there is no escape from the enormous stresses that a tower weighing tens of thousands of tons must ultimately apply to the soil. A period of ten or twenty years is needed for the soil to consolidate (to use the technical term of soil mechanics), and to achieve the necessary resisting strength. If the consequent settlement of the tower is uniform, then equilibrium will result within a generation; if, however, one pier supporting the tower settles faster than the others, the whole of the structure may

become so deformed that collapse inevitably follows.

At Elv Carhedral, for example, for which I have the honour to be

Consulting Engineer for the current restoration work, the western tower has settled relative to the nave and south-west transept by about 12 inches; gross distortions can be seen in the abutting arcades of the nave. However, there is no evidence of any movement having occurred during the past 600 years, and the foundations are now sound without any remedial work being necessary. If the masonry structure survives

these first two critical periods, then it will, with luck, survive for a very long time. There can be other misadventures, but even without these, there will come a day when decay, both internal and external, will have to be attended to. A prime cause of internal decay is the slow determination of the rubble and deterioration of the rubble and mortar "hearting" of much of the construction, and techniques are now well established for internal and invisible stiffening. External decay of the fabric has of course been much accelerated in recent years by an increasingly hostile

environment. Your leader of December 11 referred to the collapse of the nave at Beauvais. The nave was in fact never built; it was the choir which collapsed in 1284 after having stood quietly for 12 years. A later tower and spire, of height just over 500ft, was completed in 1569, and fell four years later, on Ascension Day. Yours faithfully,

J. HEYMAN, 9 Apple Applecourt, Newton Road, Cambridge.

DCIAL NEWS Understanding the mystery of the Christian Church

cess Alexandra will attend a er given by the members of Press Club at the International s Centure, London, on February

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fordshire.

Hon T. B. Alexander Miss D. M. Jenks engagement is announced bein "homas Bruce, younger son ord and Lady Alexander of araill, of Moor Park, Hertstare, and Diana Mary, young-claughter of Dr and Mrs colm Jenks, of Warford.

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d that old Mrs Annie Levenson I No 1 pitch, one of the best

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By Michael Richards

spirit and in truth?

Editor, The Clergy Review harred of both : the perennial enostic and the everlasting mani-Liturgical change can only really Philip Owen, QC, has been bed leader of the Wales and ter Carcuit in succession to taste, one can reasonably expect to argue for ever. Are the present chec. There are liturgies that we have made mysterious by turning them protectively into linguistic monuments. Before we put our worship into words and music, emlyn Hooson, QC, MP, who argue for ever. Are the present quishes office on completion is teem.

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The coming are to be involved? Do they get rid of false mystification so as to confront people with the real mystery? Have they succeeded in mystery of the arm conforming but ritual and vestment, we must be sure that we know and begin to understand the true nature of the mystery we celebrate. It is easy for us to espect high-sounding for us to repeat high-sounding words which may indeed provoke straining off any comforting but obscure phrases which may act as a catch in the threat in the col-lege chapel, but which leave the sedatives or shields from the true power and glory of God? Are they heart unchanged. Christianity took the term mystery" and developed its faithful to that new arrangement of human affairs that Christ re-'mystery '

ferred to when he said that we meaning, making it stand now not would now be able to worship in for secrecy, obscurity or conceal-ment, but for declaration and making plain. The plan of God for the world was at one time hidden from man and inaccessible; There are mysteries from which the prophets of the Covenant, Old and New, have always told us to turn away: sacred groves, high but now he has committed himself to a course of action within human piaces, indien rites, secret initia-tions that lead on treacherous and deceiving paths. There are mysteries which darken and con-ceal; and there are mystics whose places, hidden rites, secret initia-

it; we have seen, as clearly as it is possible for human beings to see it, what he is like; we have been told to give this knowledge to the world. search for a refuge from the world and from themselves requires the The Church did not take over

the old mystery religions; it rejected them as vehemently as the Old Israel had rejected the agrarian fertility rates of the Church did not line itself up mothologies; its with the old mythologies; its thinkers learnt from and joined in the comemporary philosophical critique of the ancient gods. The mind of the Church was focused on personal, human, historic on personal minan, mistoric reality; and in that reality the mystery of God had been made known, by meeting the thoughts and confirming the guesses of

human myths and mysteries. The message of the Church was given all at once in simple, public proclamations of the faith within which men could discover themselves. The cross taken up by Christ had in turn to be taken up by others; and what they learnt in taking it was the shape of their own lives.

Services tomorrow:

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A. Hear, King of angels (Bach), the keeder, (SUARDS ROYAL, Wellington Barrack), Birdcage Walk (Middle Welcomed); HC, S. M. 11, Band; Srois Guards, Rev P. I. J. K. Wood, A. in duiri lubilo, Bit (thorai); E. ROYAL (HOSPITAL, (the See public admitted); HC, B. M. and noon, Passade Service; HC, B. M. and noon, Passade Reverley; HC, B. M. and Carobs and Lessons, Rand Cavalry, Tumpeters of Distriction Cavalry, Tumpeters of Distriction Cavalry, Passade RAT Church (unblic welcomed); HG, S. O. 12, 15, M. 11; Boyce in A. A. Queen videstic passares (Dering), and E. ... 30 (Noble in B minor); the Resident Chaptain, Cournty (Land), The Resident Chaptain, Chaptal Royal, Hampton Court palace public welcomed); Ht. B. M. U. 1; Stanford in B fiatt; E. S. 30, Carols.

First Sunday

after Christmas

The "mystery" of Christ's presence in the Eucharist, in his Word, in the Church, is not an emigma, a puzzle, designed to keep our brains busily occupied and unaware of the tedium or the horror of everyday life. It is not a publication presence but a horror of everyday life it is not a problematic presence, but a real one; the Body and the Blood of Christ which are the chosen sign of that loving obedience which, he said, was food and drink to him, and the sign of our obedience, too, if we do, as he did, the will of the Father who sent

The Statement on the Eucharist drawn up by the Anglican Roman Catholic International Commission (but not, alas " Series III "), has succeeded in expounding this reality in terms which avoid the literalism into which some Cathofallen. We do not dramatically re-enact the Passion of Christ; we do not didactically use bread and wine to put ourselves in mind of past events and future glory. Christ himself uses the bread and wine we see as his contemporary means of accessibility to us: the

Body by which he is present (that, after all, is what bodies are for), to nourish us, and the Blood by which His life keeps us alive. It is not anything we have made; it is this new act of presence which it is the ready the sign of what he is, effectively, the sign of what he has done in the past, is doing now, and will do in the future.

For us, the mystery still to be made known and understood lies not in this real, meaningful presence, but beyond it in our acceptance, when in taith, we allow it to guide the personal partern and direction of our lives.

This is how Christianity has always marked itself off from Gnosticism or from the mystery religious, from Valentinus or Hare Krishna, mescalin or scientology. The real presence of Christ sends us back into the real presence of our own lives. Rescued from the depths, the body of our mortal flesh takes on clarity and significance. Christianity, in john cance. Christiamty, in joint Toland's words, is not mysterious: but that becomes true only if we consciously and willingly permit its public facts to take the place of our own private fictions.

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Court of Appeal

Science report Schizophrenia: Heart drug

A new treatment for schizophrenia A new treatment for senizophrenia has proved strikingly effective in preliminary trials at Friern Hospital, North London. A report in the British Medical Journal says that 14 patients diagnosed as schizophrenic at the hospital have been treated with propranolol, a treatment of the propranolol. drug usually prescribed for the treatment of heart disease. Six lost all their symptoms of schizo-phrenia and another five showed

phrenia and another five showed definite improvement.

Propranolol was found by chance to be effective in relieving mental symptoms in patients given the drug for physical disease. Propranolol is not a tranquilizer (it slows and steadies the heartbear) but it can relieve some of the symptoms of anxiety such as palpi-tations and a racing pulse. Its acrion on the human nervous system is still uncertain, but experiments on animals suggest that the drug accumulates in the grey namer of the brain.

Today's engagements

Poets of the First World War ". Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, Southwark, 10-5.30. British Theatre Museum, Leigh-London walk: A Dickensian Christmas walk in the City, meet St Paul's station, 2.

The Department of Health's medicines division thought the evidence available justified a trial of the drug in schizophrenia, and that began in August. The patients who showed dramatic improvements lost their symptons such as ments lost their symptons such as apathy, irrational thought and the hearing of voices within a week of starting propranolol and they have remained well since. A leading article in the journal adds a caution that many other treatments of schizophrenia have seemed highly promising, only to disappoint when further trials have

been made.

Propranolol is a dangerous drug. the article says. It can precipitate heart failure and make asthma By Our Medical Correspondent Source: British Medical Journal, December 14, page 637.

Tomorrow

and patron, The Queen's Gallery, Suckingham Palace,

Exhibition: George III, collector

ton House, 12 Rolland Park Exhibition: "Utility", furniture Road, West Kensington, 11-5. and household goods of the 1940s, Geffrye Museum, Kingsland Road, Bethnal Green, 2-3 ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: Sung Eucharist, 11, Ret P. Duncar, ALL SAINIS, Margaret Street, LM, and 5,70, HM, 11, Missa brevis

One trader, one pitch' not Cost of caring for illegitimate children

gina v Tower Hamlets London conduct his business at one pitch

at a time. His Lordship's conclusion was: "One trader, one licence, one pitch at a time". But the fact that Harold held another licence for pitch No 107 did not make him "unsuitable" within section 21 (3) (a) of the 1947 Act to hold a licence for his south, "Act that it meant was that he might have to give up his pitch No 1017.

thicoat Lane, but held that nou-ation of being placed on the ation of a licence. Lord Diplock d Lord Justice Lawton held that are was no rigid rule of "one when the Since Perilly's case ([1973] 1 QB 9) the council had a waiting list for applicants and, in practice, when they put a name on a waiting list they did not treat it as a refusal and accordingly they did not give the applicant any formal notification or told him that he could appeal. appeal.

rough were prepared to grant plications by Mr Harold Kayne-trenson and his wife, of Abbotts ridens, Earnet, for street trading ences they should send notices their decision to the applicants, huding intimations of their his of appeal.

Mr James Comyn, QC, and Mr his Blair-Could for the applicants. The waiting list was a convenient piece of administration, but the council should alter their form of council should after their form of notification. To put an applicant on the waiting list was tantamount to a refusal on the ground that there was no space available section 21 (3) (b). They should notify him that it was a refusal and tell him of his right to appeal, His Lordship would dismiss the appeal.

> LORD DIPLOCK said that sec-LORD DIPLOCK said that section 17(1) of the LCC (General Powers) Act, 1927, made it an offence to street trade without a licence. The subsection contemplated two kinds of trading; from a stationary pitch and peripatenc trading. There was nothing to suggest that any person was restricted to a single licence. The borough council were not, in his Lordship's view, entitled by section 21(2)(a) view, entitled by section 21(2)(a) of the 1947 Act to give effect to

of the 1947 Act to give effect to an indiscriminating policy applicable to all street traders of limiting them to a single pitch.

Parts of the reasoning in Greenbaums case had in his Lordship's view, been invalidated by subsequent amendments to the 1947 Act.

His Lordship did not see any objection to the council having re-

His Lordship did not see any objection to the council having recourse to a waiting list such as was used by the council for applicants who did not already hold a current licence for another pitch. An applicant who on applying for a particular vacant pitch in a popular street was told that his name had been put on the waiting list, would rightly understand that as a refusal of the annual licence. as a refusal of the annual licence As the law now stood there was nothing to prevent a street trader from applying for separate annual licences for individual pitches, nor to prohibit the council from grant-ing them.

The omission to notify the applicants of their right of appeal to a magistrate was no mere techni-cality. It was deliberate and based upon alleged grounds of substance which had been held to be erro-deous in law His Lordship saw no grounds for interfering with the exercise of the Divisional Court's discretion to grant man-

ence for pitch No 1.
The council did not grant the polications. The council said that prold could not be granted other licence because he already LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that there had been a street market in Petticoat Lane, beyond Aldgate Pump, for at least 200 years. It was outside the City markets. Without control over street markets there would be chaos. The market, with its attraction for Londoners and its worldwide reputation for tourists, brought large crowds to it, particularly on Sunn had been placed on the wait-g list, which was very long. The applicants then applied for crowds to it, particularly on Sundays. The local authority had worked out a policy for controlling

damus to each of the applicants.

the market. His Lordship approved the council's waiting list policy. If the appropriate committee of the council considered that trading conditions in Petricoat Lane were such that it would be difficult for most men to control properly more than one pitch at a time. they were entitled to have as a guideline the policy of "one man—one licence", but they must be prepared to consider the suitability of an applicant who claimed that ba could control properly two or more pitches at the same time. Infancy was not a legal bar to holding an annual licence, it was a discretionary one to be applied on the evidence. The appeals should be dismissed. street trader's licence was purely should be dismissed.

round to him. The Act only Solicitors: Edward Fail, Br
owed the holder of a licence to shaw & Waterson; Tringhams. Solicitors: Edward Fail, Brad[Judgments delivered December 20]

The financial support of a mother was not recoverable under the Fatal Accidents Acts, 1846 to 1959, by her illegitimate children from defendants responsible for their father's death since the allowed in part an appeal by the defendants from a judgment of Mr There was no evidence that the Justice Forbes by which he awarded damages under the Fatal Accidents Acts to the children for the loss of the financial support she had done before while living given by their father to their for supplementary benefits no to her to thei mother who looked after them.
Leave was granted to appeal to
the House of Lords.
Mr Michael Wright, QC, and Mr

Stephen Desch for the appellant defendants; Lord Gifford for the detendants; Lord Gittord for the children, the plaintiff respondents. LORD JUSTICE CAIRNS said that the three plaintiff children were illegitimate. Their parents had lived together from 1964 until their father was killed in 1971 in an artidant for which the defendants. accident for which the defendants were responsible. In 1971 the children were three, five and six years old, living with their parents and cared for by their mother. The father father, a subcontractor in the building trade, was a generous man, providing all the necessaries of life for the mother and the children, together with long holi-days in Ireland and trips to rela-

The defendants accepted that the children's pecuniary loss resulting from the death of their father included the cost of their share of the housekeeping, holidays and food, of air fares and outings and the whole cost of clothes, toys, rent, television and washing machine. However, the children claimed that those parts of the father's expenditure which related to the maintenance of the mother indirectly formed a provision for tamer's expenditure which related to the maintenance of the mother indirectly formed a provision for them and, accordingly, the pecuni-ary loss to them was the total of the father's financial provision for the family less only the amount

attributable to his own keep and res. The basis of that claim was that during the father's lifetime he pro-vided for them to be looked after in the bouse by their mother and accompanied by her on holidays and outings. Not having similar

K v J.M.P. Co Ltd provision made for them after his Before Lord Justice Cairns, Lord Justice Stephenson and Mr Justice Graham provision made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made to the sufference of the could be measured by the amount of payments made to the could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for them after his death they suffered a loss which could be measured by the amount of payments made for the made f of payments made to support the mother and to enable her to travel with them. That argument was accepted by the trial judge.

For the defendants it was contended that there was no justification for treating the sums expended by the father for the discontinuance of those expendthe time of the trial. The defen-dants contended that the amount of the damages attributable to the support of the mother should be

deducted from the total awarded His Lordship was struck, as was the trial judge, that although Par-liament had extended the benefit of the Fatal Accidents Act to illesi timate children, the Acts still made no provision for a woman who outside matrimony had lived with a man for many years, depended upon him and mothered his children. Counsel for the defendants had warned the court against in effect putting the mother, con-trary to the intention of Parliatrary to the intention or rama-ment, in the same position as if she had been a lawful wife by awarding damages to children equivalent to her own loss of dependancy.

In recent years there had been an extension of the principle that in both personal injuries and fatal accidents cases a plaintiff could recover damages measured by a recover damages measured by a figure representing reasonable remuneration for a wife, relation or friend who had voluntarily rendered services to the plaintiff by way of bursing or care made necessary by the injuries or death. None of the decisions was near to the instant case because the care which the mother gave to the children was not made necessary by the death but was a continuation of care which was exercised before the death. If by the death of the father the

If by the death of the father the If by the death of the father the children had suffered a pecuniary loss through the loss of the care of their mother supported by the father, should the supplementary benefit received by the mother be set off against that loss? The change in the mother's resources did not constitute a pecuniary loss to the children unless it could be shown that the care which the mother could give to them was diminished by the loss of the father's support.

It appeared that the mother was entitled to supplementary benefit (or was at least likely to receive it) at the normal rate for a single person. Consequently her share of the housekeeping money provided children. The cost of air fares and outings was different. Those were luxuries not covered by supplementary benefits. The payment of the monetary value of the loss the mother's fares by the collection. mentary benefits. The payment of the mother's fares by the father could be regarded as a payment made to enable the children to enjoy holidays and outings and cessation of those payments was a pecuniary loss to the children and recoverable by them.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, LORD JUSTICE STEPHENSON, agreeing, said that social security benefit was not one of the benefits which section 2 of the Faral Accidents Act, 1959, allowed the court to ignore in balancing a dependant's gains against losses. It might not have to be set off against losses caused by a tortfeasor to a surviving plaintiff but it would have to be set off against the loss caused to a widow by her the loss caused to a widow by her husband's death, though that loss would include the cost of feeding herself. This mother was in a dif-ferent position; she could not get payment for her food and clones directly from the defendants, but she did get it from the state. She sale tail got it from the state. Sale could not get it twice over once from the state and once from the defendants indirectly through the children. It was only extras which social security would not cover and which were incurred by the mother in order to maintain the children's standard of life that could and should be paid for by the defendants as past of the children's loss. MR JUSTICE GRAHAM, SUD-

porting the trial judge's basic figures, said that he did not think it cight to make any definite assumption as to the amount of supplementary benefit which the mother would receive. The real question, was whether the children suffered a pecuniary loss capable of being estimated in money terms by their father's death in that after his death the services and care which their mother, being alone without the father and not being so well supported, was able to give them were likely to be less than

His Lordship considered that it would be correct to leave to a jury, if the matter was being so tried, the question whether the compara-tive qualities of the services and benefits afforded to the children in the family home by their mother in that capacity, supported to what-ever extent she might be after their father's death, were equal to, those the tather in ms interime. If those then it was for me jary to estimate the monetary value of the loss suffered by the children as a result. The trial judge was right, trying the matter as he was without a jury, to look at the mother's services in her capacity as mother and not as "wife" of the decreased.

those she could give before the

and not as deceased. He took the view that it was impracticable to try to divide the mother into two and that "if some of her had to be supported as the mother of three children then the In assessing the children's nocition after their father's death it was open to the judge to consider was open to the judge to consider that the mother would be carrying the coal herself, ie, doing all the time-consuming jobs which had to be done in a home with three young children and would have less time and energy to devote specifically to the children individually. He was not in error in deciding He was not in error in deciding that the children would be worse off in respect of housekeeping services and benefits available to them and that in any event amount of money necessary to sup-port the mother should be assessed without assuming that the maximum supplementary benefit would be paid to her. Damages under the Fatal Accidents Acts could never be estimated exactly, and in cleaving with a broad axe as he had done the trial judge was right. It was quite wrong to say that the judge's fluding had placed the mother in the position of a lawful wife and enabled her to recover on that basis when she was not entitled to do so under the legislation. If she were a lawful wife she might have expected to be supported by her husband for many years to

her husband for many years to come and any multiplier in her case at that capacity would be quite different and much longer than any used in the case of her support as a mother until the children reached the age of 16.

Equitable assignment of option without notice

Warner Bros Records Inc v Roll-green Ltd and Others Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycnick

[Judgments delivered Dec 201 An equitable assignee of a con-tractual option who has not given notice of the assignment to the grantor of the option cannot exercise in his own name so as to bind the grantor. The Court of Appeal dismissed

an appeal by the third and fourth defendants, Mercury Record Productions Inc and Phonogram Inc, from the judgment of Mr Justice Willis (The Times, December 4) setting aside third party proceedings by Mercury and Phonogram against the first and second defendance. against the first and second defendants, Rollgreen Ltd and Roderick David Stewart. Roderick David Stewart.

Mr F. Maurice Drake, QC, Mr Mr E. Maurice Drake, QC, and Mr Harold Burnett for Mercury and Phonogram; Mr A. J. Lincoln, QC, Mr Andrew Morritr and Mr F. Ungoed-Thomas for Rollgreen and Mr Stewart; Mr Andrew Bateson, QC, and Mr Nicholas Strauss for the plaintiffs, Warners.

The MASTER OF THE BOLLE

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Stewart, a pop star, conducted his affairs through Roli-green. On October 9, 1968, he made green. On October 9, 1968, he made an agreement with Mercury, an American company, under which Mercury was to employ him and he was to make recordings for them. That agreement was for a year, but Mercury were given four separate options of extending it for four separate terms of one year each. by written notice sent to Mr Stewart by registered post or recorded delivery. One clause

said: "Mercury may ar its elec-tion assign this agreement or any of its rights hereunder..."

The options were exercised so that, apparently, the contract would continue until October 9, 1973. In 1971 Mr Stewart, or Roll-green, made an agreement with "rival" producers and distributors, Warners, giving them the right to recordings for three years from that date. from that date.

further terms of two years each, each to be exercised as provided for in the original agreement. Then Mercury, who were incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware, were dissolved, and transferred all their assets, includ-

ing contractual rights, to New Mer-cury Corporation, who afterwards changed their name to Phonogram Inc.

The important point arose that no notice was admittedly given to Mr Stewart of that assignment by Mercury to Phonogram. Later, on August 7, 1973, a letter was written purporting to exercise the option. It read:

"the undersigned, Phonogram Inc (formerly Mercury Record Productions Inc) does hereby exercise the option contained in the written agreement between yourself and said corporation, dated as of October 9, 1968, for extension of said agreement

for extension of said agreement from October 9, 1973, to October 9,

1975."
The point was whether that was a valid exercise of the option.

Werners took proceedings against Rollgreen and Mr Stewart, Mercury and Phonogram being added later, claiming interference with and inducement of breach of their contract. It was only a few days before the trial that details of the assignment by Marsaway to days before the trial that details of the assignment by Mercury to Phonogram emerged. The point whether the exercise of the option of August 7, 1973, was good was dealt with as a preliminary issue, formulated in terms agreed between the parties: "Whether or not an equitable assignee of a contractual option who has not given notice of the assignment to the grantor of the option may exercise the same in his own name so as to bind the grantor of the option."

Phonogram were conitable assignment. There was then no conflict between the two agreements. On June 1, 1972, however, Mercury made an extension agreement with Mr Stewart, by which the option period was increased to two years expiring in October, 1973, and two further farms of two years Phonogram were equitable assigness who had not given notice of the assignment but just exercised the option themselves. As a point of law, Mr Justice Willis had decided that they could not exercise the option makes received.

cise the option unless previously (or at the same time) they had given notice of the assignment. The matter seemed to his Lord ship to be reasonably plain. The court had been referred to cases of leases, such as Friary Hotroyd v Singleton ([1899] 1 Ch 86 and [1899] 2 Ch 263), in the Court of Appeal, as to which Mr Prake said Appeal, as to which Mr Drake said that special considerations applied to landlord and tenant cases.

That might be, but apart from questions of landlord and tenant, it seemed quite well established that when there was not a legal assignment but an assignment in equity there was no effective right in the assignee to enforce—his Lordship and the tax star consumer right did not say sue on any right under ir unless he had notice. That seemed to f مكذا من الأصل

the leading case of Dearle v Hall ([1828] 3 Russ 1). Mr Drake said that that case was dealing with priorities. but it was not so limited. The giving of notice was necessary to make title effective. That state of the law was That state of the law was accepted and recognized by what was now section 136 of the Law of Property Act, 1925. An option was a legal chose in action, and, as Mr Justice Danckwerts had pointed out in Stromdale & Ball Ltd v Burden ([1952] Ch 223, 235), it was a kind of offer which must be accepted by the person to whom it was made and not by any other person. It could not be exercised by an equitable assignes until by an equitable assignee until notice was given, and in the present case that was now too late. LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, agreeing, said that the only right of an equitable assignee was against the grantee. There was no reason to distinguish between landlord and tenant and contractual

Sir John Pennycuick delivered Solicitors: Davemport, Lyons & Co; D. M. Landsman & Co; Wright & Webb.

Correction

The third paragraph from the end in Attorney General's Reference no 2 of 1974 (December 21) should have read: "The Attorney General's question became relevant only on the assumption that the jury were not satisfied that the

quantity of smoke in the motorist's

OBITUARY

MR JACK BENNY A lifetime in entertainment



Jack Benny, who has died his home in California at the age of 80, was the leader of a generation of American comedians who grew to fame the early 1930s.

Born Benjamin Kubelsky in 1894, in Waukegan, Illinois, where his father ran a saloon, he went into vandeville at the age of 15, but not on the stage. Instead, he was in the orchestra pit, already playing the violin that was, with his reputed frugality, to become a trade-mark of a lifetime in entertainment.

Returning to vaudeville after the 1914-18 War, in which he served in the United States Navy, Benny progressed from the pit to the stage, where he found work first as a standup comic, then as a dancer and eventually as a small-part actor in Broadway musicals.

In 1926 he went to Los Angeles, where he met and married Mary Livingstone who was to stay with him on stage and off throughout his long life. Billed by now as Benny K. Benny, he continued to work in musicals and occasionally as part of a piano and violin

His real break did not come unul 1932, in which year he leaves a widow went on radio for the first time adopted daughter.

as a guest of Ed Sullivan.
"Hello folks," were his first broadcast words. "My name is Jack Benny. There will now be a short pause for everyone to say, 'Who cares?'" Radio audiences did, how-

ever, care about him, to such an extent that he bought himself out of an already scheduled stage musical and started to work instead with the gravel voiced Negro, Rochester, on the shows that were to make both his name and his formne.

In spite of his repeated assurances to the contrary, Jack Benny was neither a mean man nor a mean violinist, although when he played his first serious concert one critic did note that the New York Philharmonic seemed to be out of tune with him. Another added simply: "Last night Jack Benny played with the spread of radio in Mendelssohn, and Mendelssohn lost ".

Yet beneath the wisecracks Jack Benny was serious enough about the violin to invest in a Stradivarius, and his work for innumerable charities was every bit as painstaking and as frequent as the jokes about his meanness. He once set up a trust fund to give every child in Waukegan 39 dollars, with the proviso that they could not make the proviso that they could not the manner until their cash the money until their thirty-ninth birthdays, by which time the value had multiplied many times over.

After the Second World War Benny moved his show, complete. with Rochester, to television and carried it on there until changing public taste made it impossible to continue with the "Uncle Tom" character of Rochester. Alone, Benny continued to do television specials and concert and cabaret appearances until the very last months of his life.

His jokes remained, like the man himself, as polished, as urbane and often as acid as a page of the New Yorker. He leaves a widow and their

became Lady Greville). Henry

Kerr had emigrated from Scorland to the United States.

Hamilton Kerr returned to Britain at an early age, and was

educated at Eton and Balliol

Ficet Street, and worked for some time on the staffs of the

Daily Telegraph and Daily Mail. But he had always been interested in politics, and at the

general election of 1931, when he was 28, he was elected as one

of the two Conservative mem-

bers for Oldham. He lost the

seat at the 1945 general election, but was returned for Cambridge

His victory there was one of

the features of that election, for

he turned a Labour majority of of 4.854. He held the scat at

subsequent elections, his majority in May, 1955, being

Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe at Stras-

bourg. He lectured in France for the Foreign Office on

Britain and Western Europe

and "The Role of the Opposi-

tion in Parliament", and in the United States on "British

United States on "British Foreign Policy". He was created

a baronet in 1957. He was a

former Chancellor of the Prim-

Kerr was a man of deep spiritual faith, and was keenly interested in the work of Moral

Re-Armament. He was unmar-

SIR EDWARD

MAUFE

The Archbishop of Canterbury

I should welcome the oppor

tunity of making reference to

an omission in your otherwise admirable obituary notice of Sir Edward Maufe. No mention was

made in it of the work which Sir Edward did in connexion with Bradford Cathedral.

It was in fact an operation

carried out with great skill and success. He converted a 500-

year-old city church which had, since the creation of the diocese in 1919, served as its cathedral, into a very beautiful church worthy of taking its place among the other mother churches of

The task must have presented my architect with a series of

difficult problems, not least of

which was the steepness of the

slope on which the architect had

to work. The result of his labours can be seen in a cathe-

dral which is at once workman

like and attractive. Sir Edward was greatly assisted by Lady

Maufe in the interior decoration

I should like to add a word of

English dioceses.

of the church.

rose League.

writes:

From Oxford he went into

College, Oxford.

in 1950.

SIR HAMILTON KERR

Sir Hamilton Kerr, Bt. Conservative Member of Parliament for Cambridge from 1950 to 1966 has died at the age of 71. "Ham" Kerr, as ae was affectionately known by his friends, was one of the most popular and versatile members of the House of Commons. He was an able writer, and had a wide knowledge of foreign affairs, about which he frequently spoke and lectured. He was an artist and painter of no mean ability, but he was also

an athlete, and a fine example of physical fitness. While at Oxford he won an athletics Blue as a half-miler. He later played tennis for the Lords and Commons against the French Chamber of Deputies, and he represented the British Parliament at skilms. He kept connects so by vigorous training, and in 1954 was one of the athletes who ran through the streets of London carrying 7,106. purses from point to point in In 1949 he was a delegate to aid of the restoration fund of The Hague Conference, and in £4m needed for British 1952 he was a delegate to the

churches. He had a gift for interpreting with almost uncanny accuracy the views of his fellow members on topics of the day. This proved of the utmost value proved of the utmost value when, between 1954 and 1957, he served as Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Harold Macmillan at the Ministry of Defence, the Foreign Office and

Born in 1903, Hamilton William Kerr was the son of Henry S. Kerr, of Long Island, New York, and of Olive Grace (who, on her second marriage, ried.

LORD MOYLE

Lord Moyle, CBE, whose death at the age of 80 was re-ported briefly in The Times on Tuesday, was (as Arthur Moyle) Labour MP for Stourbridge from 1945-50 and represented Oldbury and Halesowen from 1950-64. Between May, 1946, and December, 1955 he was Parliamentary Private Secretary to Earl Attlee when he was Prime Minister and later Leader of the Opposition. A man of great tact and good humour he gave Clement Attlee devoted service.

He successfully piloted three Private Members Bills through Westminster—the Pireworks Act, 1955, the Slaughter of Animals (Amendment) Act, and the Matrimonial Proceedings (Children) Act 1958. He was created a life peer in 1966. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and the son of his first marriage Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State Northern Ireland Office.

DR JOHN RAMSBOTTOM Mr E. F. Allen writes:

Your excellent obituary makes no mention of John Ramsbottom's service to the Royal National Rose Society. In 1949 he re-wrote the society's scientific handbook, The Enemies of the Rose, in collaboration with Fox Wilson, the entomologist. Although now somewhat dated this publication was an invaluable aid to rose growers of the time and the society showed its appreciation in 1950 by giving to Ramsbottom its highest award, the Dean Hole Medal

Mr Bertram Nicholis. former president of the Royal Society of British Artists, has died at the age of 91.

25 years ago From The Times of Wednesday. December 28, 1949 Temperatures up

From Our Weather Correspondent Even those with very long memories will be able to quote few comparisons with the mildness of the Christmas period for 1949. On each of the last four days there have been temperatures above 50 deg in England and Wales, and the nights have also been exceptionally mild.

perature rose to 54.4 deg, and on the following night the temperature did not fall below 49 dec. These two temperatures equalled the records for mildness since 1882. The night of Boxing Day was typical of early June and 12 deg above the average for the end of December. The average day and night remperatures at Kew during the last four days are also higher than any on record for the

periods. The best record on Christmas Day was 4.6 hours of sunshine at Cleethorpes.

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appreciation of the cathedral which this great architect created at Guildford. I write as one who has twice had the privi-lege of lecturing at night to crowded audiences in a building which left the lecturer with the impression of a subdued but radiant glory.

Mr Peter Lavington, joint managing director of Purnell and Sons Ltd, Paulton, Somerser. died on December 20 at the age of 60. He moved to Purnells in 1962 to plan and install the conpany's gravure division. He joined the board later in 1962 and became joint managing director of the company in 1970.

At Kew on Boxing Day the tem-

Christmas period.
A few towns have had summy

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No answer to alliance of Thomson and Lillee

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Melbourne, Dec 27

Although England failed to take an Australian wicket in the third Fest match here today their position did not deteriorate from overnight. They took their first innings score from 176 for seven to 242 all out, and, because of had light and occasional rain, Australia had replied with only 63 runs off 29.3 overs by the close play. Altogether two hours 20 minutes was lost.

Like 54,408 other people, or most of them, I was baffled by Redpath's decision, in company with his partner, Wally Edwards, to leave the field in mid-afternoon when the umpires first gave them the option to do so. It was dark, certainly, but England, not Australia, had their backs to the wall. Hendrick had pulled a hamstring in the last over of the morning, an injury which will almost certainly prevent him from bowling again in the match. But off the Australians came, as though it were they who were under pressure. There was only another 10 minutes' play after that, if anything in rather worse light. It was at this time of year on the last tour of Australia that the whole of the Melbourne Test match was washed out. We are not in for that sort of weather, the bureau says, but it looks far from settled.

In that they are down to four bowlers (Willis, Greig, Underwood and Titmus) with no one else to offer more than the occasional offer more than the occasional over, the situation begins to resemble Sydney in 1950-51 when, after being bowled out for 290, England's attack was in the hands of Brown, Bedser and Warr, with enly Compton to help out. Both Wright and Bailey had been injured. We are better off than that now, but not by much. Willis is howling with his thigh already strapped. By tomorrow morning, as things are going, we shall have an appendictis on our hands. Hendrick seems injury and illness prone. Twice in the West.

s prone. Twice in the West es carlier this year, and again Perth the other day, he was unfit to play when wanted. It was in his third over now that he broke down. By then the crowd had seen their most entertaining cricket of the day, played by knott and the England tailenders. The best fun after that was the appearance of two young Austra-lians, dressed, as the umpires always are out here, in white shoes, black trousers, white shirts with



A prank is over. The two youths who amused the 55,000 crowd with their impersonation of the umpires at Melbourne yesterday are escorted off the field by two genuine policemen.

the sleeves rolled Jown, and broad white hats. They came out during the break for bad light, marching in step, which is again the thing to do, and taking everyone in. By the time they were rumbled they were half-way to getting the game restarted, which most people thought should be happening anyway.

in 80 minutes this morning England's last three wickets had added another 66 runs. They would have settled for that. Knott was chiefly responsible, first with Underwood's help, then Willis's and finally Hendrick's. The only trouble with this was that it emphasized how much the pitch had settled down since Thursday. With their strength and speed, though, Thomson and Lillee still got the short ball to fly. Thomson was warned once, after he had nearly knocked Knott's head off, for underpitching. Lillee, doing the same, hit Underwood once on the hand. These are tough matches if you happen to be batting for England. you happen to be batting for Eng-

When Knott and Underwood had put on 36 in as many minutes Walker replaced Thomson and had Underwood caught at the wicket. Willis was rather overheated. After a swish, a bang and a flat-batted drive he skied Thomson, now bowl-ing in Lillee's place, into the covers, where Walters held a difficult catch, running away from the wicket and judging it perfectly. Thomson, when he bowled Knott, had taken 20 wickets in England's come, which puts Thomson in the running for a record. The most workers ever taken by an Australian in a series against England is 36, by Mailey in 1920-21.

by Malley in 1920-21.

Thomson was back at full speed today, after slightly stretching a hamstring yesterday evening. He is becoming more accurate with lamstring yesterday evening. He is becoming more accurate with each match, and no slower. Like Lillee, he gives little away, his bouncer being too fast to hook and his wide one too wide to punish, unless you have Greig's telescopic reach. There are no signs at the moment of England finding an answer to the alliance of Thomson and Lillee.

The half-hour for which Australia batted before lunch was long enough for Hendrick to put himself out of the match, in all prohability, and for England's opening bility, and for England's opening attack, even before that, to look a watery affair compared with Australia's: nothing like as fast or as hostile or as hazardous to play. This afternoon Underwood was on at once, in Hendrick's place bowling the eighth over of the innings. When Greig replaced Willis, at medium pace, he had Edwards ont, morally that is, half a dozen times. Greig bowled well today.

By the time the afternoon drinks were taken it was fast clouding over and windy enough for the umpires to be holding on to those hats. Titmus had three overs afterwards, all maidens. With his third ball he thought he had Redpath leg-before, sweeping. It would probably have been out in

every other country, except Ceylon, where, as in Australia, it is possible to sweep with impunity, so long as you get your pads in the way. Titmus was so discomposed by this that, later in the same over the name Exhauster. same over, he gave Edwards a warning for all to see not to leave his ground when backing up, be-fore the ball is bowled. Timus made to take the bails off with Edwards niore than a yard down the pitch. Ten minutes later Rednath and Edwards opted to come off

ENGLAND: First Innings CARCLAND; First Innings
L. Amiss, c Wallers, b Lilies
Lloyd, c Mallett, b Thomson
C. Cowdry, I-b-w, b Thomson
H. Edrich, c Marsh, b Mallett
M. M. Donness, c Marsh, b
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W. Creiq, run out
L. P. E. Knott, b Thomson
J. Timus, c Mallett, b Lilies
L. Underwood, c Marsh, b
Malker Walker G. D. Willis, c Walters, FALL OF WICKETS:

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—4, 2—110, 5—141, 7—176, 8—213, 9—232, 80 WLING: Lillee, 20—2-15 msson, 22.4—10—36—1; Walters, 7—2-14 maileti, 15—3—37—2. AUSTRALIA: First Innings R. Redpeth, not out J. Edwards, not out Extras (ib 1)

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BOWLING (10 data): Wills, 8-2-19-07; Handrick, 2.6-18-08, Under13-07; Timut, 8-3-1-2, 16-08, 8-1-3-09; Timut, 8-3-1-40, 16-08.

Football

A stirring of mighty tradition

the now glazy-eyed the ever changing English football scene have been ooking towards Liverpool, Manthester and Ipswich, the league championship has formed another attacking front in the north-east where Middlesbrough have taken a running leap over several contenders to become joint leaders. Any stirring in that area of mighty tradition has to be taken seriously. especially as Kewcastle United seem none the worse for a humiliating cup defeat by Chester and lie only three points behind Middlesbrough. And the voice of the north-east is echoed in the second division where Sunderland surely stand ready to be launched into higher ranks at the end of

into higher ranks at the end of this season.

The great football centres of the north are in collision today: Everton and Middlesbrough meeting at Goodison Park and Newcastle United facing Liverpool at St James's Park. These would be resounding occasions at any time but today assume special qualities at a time when a mistake or a moment's good fortune can lift or drop a team by as many as seven rungs.

ungs.
Liverpool are still the favourites, coording to the bookmakers, according to the bookmakers, and for all the criticism of their waning powers, they made short work of Manchester City on Boxing

Day and their experience is an incalculable asset. A win against the roor of the Tyneside crowd would give them the confidence to face the new year with high lape. Now that Thompson is back to add more ideas to the back and middle order of the team, Liverpool may well see able to return the present formation for a period of rebuilding to past standards. The devoted but recently undistinguished play of Smith is not required and Neal keeps his place in today's team. Newcastle, after impressive wins over Leeds United

in today's team. Newcasale, after impressive wins over Leeds United and Carlisle United, find their former colleague, McDermont, in the opposition's camp, if only as substitute, but will be more concerned about the assimilation of their newconters. Nelly and Croix, and the fitness of Barrowclough. Tudor and Nattrass, who are all in doubt. in doubt.

in doubt.

Meanwhite, Meneyside will be awalting Middlesbrough with surprised interest. Encharaged by their sudden arrival as thampionship challengers, Middlesbrough should be in a mood to forget defensiveness and at the same time force Everton to prove that Goodison would be a worthy home for champions. Recent performances have tended to make one hope that no team as bankrupt of forcard thinking as this Everton side could possibly champion the could possibly champion English game in Europe

Possibly defeats by Carlisle and Wolverhampton Wanderers will have persuaded Everton to adopt

more positive football. Today they play without Seargeont in defence, has position being taken by Melazighin, and chosen from seven forward a Billy Blingham, their manager, will also have on his mind the fact that Middle-brough have taken mae out of 10 points and scored 11 goals with only one against so for this month.

A statewing defeat by Luton

against so far this month.

A staggering defeat by Luton Town most have regulated the Inswich Town manager, Bobby Robson, of the bad old days of Portman Road when the loudest noise was the chant "Robson out". Now Inswich are not resilient and physically fit to change overnight from being potential champions to easy prey for the relegation threatened clubs.

If they can beat Eirmingham City If they can beat Birmingham City

at St Andrew's today they can even return to the top of the table, but return to the top of the table, but Mr Robson is concerned about his striker. Johnson, who has a groin strain, and Beattle, troubled with an ankle injury. Two players without first division experience are the chosen understudies, Austin, a 20-year-old forward signed on a free transfer from Crystal Palace, and Roberts, only 17. Austin was spending Christmas at home in Hounslow then the was told to be ready for when he was told to be ready for duty. He has scored 12 goals in

17. reserve matches—a hopeful sign for Ipswich who sometimes give the impression of disliking to violate the opposition's goal.

West Ham's thoughts of keeping London's trembling pride seems endangered by a visit to Stoke City

without Robson, Bonds and Brook games in a row and also have to make several changes because Robertson has a broken leg. A wholey Stoke could place Manchester. City in the middle order because Derby County will give them a difficult game at Maine Road! Oakes returns to the City team to make his 500th appearance, beating Bert Trausman's record.

As any regular viewer of televised football will know, there ignoring remarkable about "miraculous" mid-match recoveries, but that chulliont character. Rouses Robertson has a broken leg. A wit

that challient character, Bowles of Queen's Park Rangers, made one of the field this week. On Christ mas Day he was in hospital with suspected appendicitis; within 48 hours he was home again after being told he had an upset stomach. and today he may play against Chelsea at Smmford Bridge. having Perhaps Luton Town, having beaten Derby and Inswich in the notine Derby and Ipswich in the holiday period, will be able to keep the Wolves from their door today and stay after all. That would Roy McFarland, the Derby County and England central de-

unlikely to play again this season He damaged his Achilles tendon during the match between England

and Northern Ireland in May and has played only two junior matches since then. He is now having trouble with the tendon of his

Hockey

Exciting climax to a novel occasion

By Sydney Friskin

Wales 3 England 4 The craze for novelty took a crowd of about 1,000 last night to the National Sports Centre at Cardiff where England defeated Wales in the first indoor international hockey match played in Britain. It was not the first indoor international meeting between the two countries, however, as England had beaten Wales 7—1 in the 1973 European championship in Paris. There could hardly have been a

more exciting finish to this exceptional occasion. The score stood at three-all with barely a minute and a half to go, when Barrett cooly converted a short corner to win the game for England.

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It was a victory well deserved, for although Wales, inspired by Wilson, their captain, fought gallantly until the end, England's gallantly until the end, England's lick of the wrist put the ball in attack was more imaginative and their short corner drill more precise. It was difficult to single out the most outstanding player in a side moving at an astonishing pace. All 12 players made valuable coordinations to success, only six being permitted in the playing area at one time.

By the end of an absorbing first balf England had led 2—1

down the right flank and split the Welsh defence with a perfect pass across the circle. Hazell was on it in a flash and with a stylish the net.

Marsh put Wales back in the same by corning from a short corner after Barker had saved from Thomas, and the game entered its most exciting phase, with shots at both ends going perilously near the mark. Angear at this stage was the most danger of the Welsh forwards and was unlucky to miss the mark on

olthough the tally of short corners was 6 to 4 in favour of Wales. The first of these awards carned in the third minute was beautifully converted by Raiph I homas. But barely two minutes later England equalized from a similar award. Hazell's hand-stop was faultless and Earrett scooped the ball stylishly into the net.

After 13 minutes of stylish After 13 minutes of stylish dribbling and quick interchanging England took the lead from open-play. The advantage rule very well applied after Freitag had been obstructed, enabled him to recover his composure and score a well.

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one occasion. With less than four minetes to go Wilson stored from a short corner to level the score, but just as Welson throats were being cleared for another rousing cheer, Barrett settled the issue in latour of England.

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1. moires: A. Carter (Wales): R. P. Gondo (England).

The outdoor scene this weekend

The outdoor scene this weekend seems to be dominated by the south group final of the county championship tomorrow between Kent and Hampshire at Plaistow Poad, Bromley, starting at L30. The winners will meet the Royal Air Force in the quarter-final round of the championship proper, the draw for which is:

QUARTER-FINAL ROUND (January 1997) Kent or Hampshire or Early Cheshire or Langshire to Peron.

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FINAL ROUND March 2.

Yachting

American ketch leads after

fortunes change Sydney, Dec 27. - The 791d1g American ketch Ondine III late

tonight had opened a six-mile lead over the Sydney yacht Ballyhoo over the Sydney yacht Ballyhoo in the Sydney to Hobart race. Ondine III's lead for line honours, in the annual event came after, a day of changing fortunes.

Five miles behind Ballyhoo was Apollo III, followed by Bumblebee III, Apollo I, Buccaneer, of, New Zealand, Mercedes IV, Fantasy Rag, Patrice III and Love and War. In the handicap positions, the Admiral's Cup contender Bumblebee III led from Apollo

Gumblebee III led from Apolio III. Mercedes IV and Warri. Bumblebee III is owned by John Kahlbeter and sailed by Michael Fleicher. Both men are from Sydney. The 690-mile race began on

The 690-mile race began on Boxing Day and is expected to finish any time between late on Sunday and next Tuesday, depending on whether the present light conditions continue to prevail.

The cement-hulled Helsal, last year's winner in the record time of 7.3rr 32min 9sec, was well back in fifteenth position with little chance of victory. The leaders after more than 24 hours were only 110 miles from the start because of the light conditions.

—Reuter.

Two bright patches do not make for sunny outlook

of the third Test here today. They captured India's first three wickets for 32 runs and only good middle order batting enabled India to was held low at slip by Lloyd. order batting enabled India to achieve a moderate total of 233. In 15 minutes' batting before the close of play, West Indies made 14 for no wicket.

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The bright patches in India's first innings were two face-saving stands involving Viswanath, who made a chanceless 52 in 199 minutes. He put on 62 runs for the fourth wicket with Gaekwad, who was making his first Test appearance, and partnered Madan Lal to add 75 in 85 minutes for the tifth wicket. Gaekwad scored 36 and Madan Lal made 48.

With the Eden Garden pitch responding more to pace than spin,

sponding more to pace than spin, Roberts took five Indian wickets for 50 off only 19.3 overs. In contrast, the Indian medium-pace so the West Indies seem assured of a lead that could give them a winning three-nil lead in the

series.

India were dealt a heavy blow by the first ball of the match. The Indian captain. Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, won the toss and sent in Pataudi, won the toss and sent in Naik and Engineer to open the innings in the absence, through injury, of Gavaskar. Immediately Roberts, working up a good pace and lifting the ball awkwardly, bad Naik caught behind by Murray when the batsman edged the rising ball.

Sharma, the Rajasthan player who made his first Test appear-ance in the second Test at Delhi.

Calcutta, Dec 27.—The West did not last long. After opening Indies, already two up in the five-match series against India held the initiative after the opening day inswinger from Julian bowled him was held low at slip by Lloyd.

India were deep in trouble at 32 for three when Pataudi joined Viswanath, but he had to retire after facing only five balls when a ball, rising sharply from good length, bit him on the chia. That brought in Gaekwad to face some hostile bowling and close fielding that kept the scoring rate down. The first hour produced only 48 runs from 13 overs. A swept four to fine leg by Viswanath brought the first 50 of the innings in 70 minutes.

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On the other side Goekwad steemed to be relishing the bowling of Julien, hitting him for two fours in one over. He took nine off Julien's next over to catch up with his senior partner. The new player was out in the third over after lunch when he had made 36 with five fours in good style. He went forward to a well-pitched ball from Fredericks and was clearly surprised when the unpire gave him out, caught behind by Murray.

Madan Lal's innings was full of dangerous edges and hooks but he survived to score his 48 runs with 10 fours. His unorthodox innings ended when he was caught behind off Holder, who ended the day with two for 48. Madan Lal fell soon after Viswanath, and that brought back Pataudi with a plaster on his chin. He was the last recognized batsman of the



Viswanath, who shared two brave partnerships for India, and Roberts (right), whose pace brought him five wickets.

Test scorecard

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b Roberts
S. Bedi, b Roberts
S. Chandrasokhar, not out
Extras (1-b 1, n-b 6)

BOWLING: Roberts, 19.3-7-30 15. Julien, 12-1-57-1; Holder, 15. Gibbs, 17-5-54-1; Willett, 2-5-1-0. WEST INDIES: First Innings foral ... 1To bat: A. I. Kallicharran, I. V. A. Richards, "C. H. Llovd, B. D. Julien, D. L. Murray, V. A. Holder, L. R. Gibbs, E. T. Willert, A. M. E. Roberts, BOWLING (to date): Ghavri. 2—C. —7—C: Madan Lat. 2—1—5—0.—Reuler.

Tennis



defeated Susan Mappin, of Britain, by 6-2, 7-5.

The biggest surprise in the men's event was the defeat of the four Japanese Davis Cup team members in early round matches.

One of the first victims was the Davis Cup team captain and Japan's No 1 player. Toshiro Sakai.

An Australian junior, Peter McNamara, gained one of his best

Am Australian Juntot, Fetch Mc-Namara, gained one of his best wins when defeating the Mexican Joaquin Loyo-Mayo, 2-5, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1 in the second round. MEN'S SINGLES: M. Edmonuson (Australia) best T. Saleri (Japan).

PORT ELIZABETH: Eastern Proving championships, somi-final round, steri-dingles, R. Hewitt bast D. Schneider 7-5, 6-1; P. Cramer bast A. News 6-5, 7-6, 6-1, Warmer's singles A. Du Ploov best Y. Vermack 2-6, 6-0, 7-5; L. Boshoff heat B. Cuyrer's 7-5, 6-3.

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Athletics

Foster's short cut leads to the hospital

Brendan Foster, Britain's double world record holder, is to have an operation on his back, the second in about two months, before he starts back on the road to top titness in the new year. Foster confirmed yesterday that he had had a recurrence of an old problem because he had taken a short cut in his training programme to be fit for the international crosscountry race he organized at Gateshead earlier this month. The consultant does not think

the trouble is too bad, and I should be able to start gentle running soon after the operation".

The 26-year-old European 5,000 The 26-year-old European 5,000 metres champion said the trouble had only returned because he had not carried out the recommended suppleness exercises which should have preceded heavy training. He had thought that a long training run would make up for 15 minutes' exercises. Foster's back trouble underlines just some of the anxiety vicing runners who have to put underlines just some of the anxiety facing runners who have to pur more and more into their sport to stay at the top.

Foster, holder of the world 3,000

metres and two miles records, has already abandoned plans for a season of indoor running in America in the new year, and will now race competitively only a comple of times before the summer of the knows that he cannot couple or times before the summer senson. He knows that he cannot afford to risk more serious trouble if he is to maintain the right building for the Olympic Games in Mon-

Foster had back trouble last summer, but trealment put him right. He went into hospital seven recks ago for an operation.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated First division

Stoke v West Ham York City v Hull City Tottenham v Coventry

Scottish first division

Clyde v Dumbarton Dundee v Airdrie Dunfermline v Partick Hibernian v Aberdeen Kilmarnock v Celtic Morion v Arbroath Motherwell v Dundec U Rangers v Ayr St Johnstone v Bearts

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Colchester v Peterboro

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Cardiff v Aston Villa

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Everton v Middlesbro

Norwich v Oxford Utd

Leicester v Leeds

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Luton v Wolves

Orient v Sunderland

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Third division

Brighton v Aldershot Manchester C v Derby Orient v Sunderland Preston v Chesterfield Southend v Port Vale Sheffield U v Arsenal West Brom v Blackpool Swindon v Bournemouth Transpere v Watford Wresham v Charlton

Fourth division

Barnsley v Rotherham (3.15) Bradford City v Rochdale Brentford v Exeter Knockout Cup Darlington v Chester Doncaster v Southport Lartiepool v Northampton Lincoin v Scunthorpe Mansfield v Newport Reading v Stockport Workington v Crewe

Television highlights BBC 1-tomorrow

Football: Focus (12.25)
Racing: Newbury races at 1.0,
1.35, 2.5, 2.35
Boxing: Lord Shinwell interview (1.10)
Cricket: Third Test match (1.45)
Motor Racing: Brands Hatch
meeting (2.15, 2.45)
Rugby League: York v Bramley Goff: Jacklin v Oosterhius (3.50)
Football: Match of the Day
(10.20) Rugby Union: Cardiff v Ebbw

Vale (5.45)

Club matches

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Motor Racing: Review of 1974

Football: Preview (12.35)

Football: Big Match (2.0)

1BA-tomorrow

Rugby Union

LONDON LEAGUE: Guildierd v Houslow, Unries v Surbiton, Min-Surrey v Beckenhain, Re dang v Southnair, Ieddington v Southnair, I Chellos EAST LEAGUE! Morton: Chellos lord, Inswich VMCA v Norlon: Canderers, Leichworth v Bedforthur English Korwich Grisshopers v Eshop's South lord, Welwyn Garden Caly v Peter-berough. ESSEX LUAGUE, West Essen & Old Southendlans. Sesen League West Esser, chid Southendans, Dither Matchels: Amersham v Sievenage, Ashtord v Chilanvalle, Aylesbury v Henley, Barnet v Henden, Berwedere v Crowdon Mo, Resignado v Criston, Blockedere v Crowdon Mo, Resignado v Criston, Blockedere v Crowdon Mo, Resignado v Criston, Blockedere v Crowdon Mo, Resignado Bridge Wells, Burni Ash Hinton, Burning Wells, Burni Ash Hinton, Criston v General Northampton v Gosforth (2.0) Streatham C v Richmond (3.30)

Hockey

Tomorrow

Rugby League First division Readford Northern v Kenghaw (2.50) Hallfax v Dewblary 5.3(1) Salford v St Hebers Second division

Hartey v Huddonstend (2.50) Blackpoof B v Donesster (2.50) Huyton v Oldhun (2.50) Leigh v Barrow (3.50) New Hunslet v Swinton (3.50) Racing: Newcastle races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30; Warwick races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45 Hockey
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The Dikler should give Walwyn fourth Mandarin Steeplechase

ly Michael Phillips acing Correspondent

It cannot be easy staging a nood race meeting in the wake of hristmas, but Newbury have chieved that goal today. Their rogramme is built around the landarin Steeplechase, sponored for the first time this year y the Metrostore group. Named fter that lionhearted little tecplechaser of the late fifties littie nd early sixties, the horse who on the King George VI Steeple-hase twice in his heyday in addition to the Gold Cup at Cheltenam, the Hennessy Gold Cup and the French Grand National, to ay's race could provide Manarie's trainer, Fulke Walwyn, with yet another success. ith yet another success.

Walwan has won it three times fready, twice with that unfor-emble character Mill House, nd then again with Lord no then again with Loru into ow he relies upon The Dikler, the has wen the Gold Cup, he King George VI Steeplechase and the Whitbread Gold Cup as well. The Dikler has a big yeight to carry this afternoon, ather naturally, in view of his coord. But he has the size and after naturally, in view of his ecord. But he has the size and he sizength to cope and he will be much more at home racing wer the distance of this race, which is three and a quarter niles, than he was at Cheltenian earlier this month when he mished only fifth in the Massey corners Cold. Cup. Corn. Corn. erguson Gold Cup, over only wo and a half miles. Carryin; a weight then, he was beaten niv 10 lengths. The Dikler won his Whitkread old Cup at Sandown Park in the

roud Tarquin, who is one of his vals again this afternoon. It was torch and go then, with roud Tarquin passing the winding post a head in front of The little haring harmard him. bilder, having hampered him slightly after jumping the last fence. The Dikler will be meet-ng Proud Tarquin on a poun-vorse terms this time, but at least to has the advantage of having and a race this season, whereas Proud Tarquin has not, and that could well be decisive. Cuckolder, who finished fifth in the Whibbread, is also in the field this afternoon. He finished second in this race last year carrying 10 st 1 lb. Now he has 9 lb more on his back. Ceckolder heat The Dikler by six lengths at Doncaster last January, when he won the Great Verlishire Steeplechase, but he is meeting my selection on 9 lb

After winning at Sandown, Cuckolder has run moderately on two occasions. Mounlight Escapade has also run badly since he finished hird in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, run over this course and dis-tance in November. On that occasion he finished in front of The Dikler, but that was The Dikler's first race this season, and I not only hope but expect to see the big horse do better this time. Plas Iolyn and Prairie Dog are the only other runners. Prairie Dog is a stable companion of The Dikler and definitely the second string. and definitely the second string. Plas Jolyn was better known in the West Country, where he won three races last season. He has never given me the impression that he is capable of winning a race of this

nature.
If The Dikler does win it could cauly be the third of three winners are being the form of the could be the could b



Don't Hesitate and John Francome take the last hurdle.

to win the Panama Cigar Hurdle (qualifier) with Sunyboy. Brant-ridge Farmer jumped impeccably when he ran away with a similar race at Chepstow eight days ago. Sunyboy has a harder task. He must him project to Fing Long. Young Sunyboy has a harder task. He must give weight to Flintstone, Nougat, Miss Poker Face and Pierino, all of whom boast useful form. But I still think that a horse of Sunyboy's class—he did after all win the Newbury Autumn Cup as a three-year-old and he has won two of his three races under National Hunt rules—ought to be capable of carrying on the good work.

The Sovereign Handlcap Hurdle is another race that has been spon-

The Sovereign Handleap Hurdle is another race that has been sponsored at Newbury today, and on the face of it looks a real teaser. But I hope that Birds Nest will provide the answer. There was a lot to like about the way that Birds Nest ran at Cheltenham carlier this month when he finished second to Perambulate, bearen only a length and a half in what was his first and only race this season.

He was one of the better recruits to hurdling last season. Fighting Taffy and Ronson Avenue, second and fifth respectively in the Benson and Hedges Handicap Hurdle at Sandown in November, and True Song could form the hard core of his opposition. Shock Result, a stable companion of Birds Nest, is likely to win the Newbury Old Year Steeplechase, a race that their trainer, Bob Turnell, also won last year. Shock Result won a similar race run over this course and distance in November. Denys Adven-ture is not at all easy to train these days, and Into Vicw also has his problems. The last race, the Challow Hurdle, provided that he can cope with Montreal Boy and

After more rain, the going was much more testing at Kempton Park yesterday than it was on Box-

This was most noticeable. Ceol-na-Mara, Well Olled and Right Lad, Mara, Well Olled and Right Lad, were three exceptions, and they won the three steeplechases. Ridden by Stephen Jobar Coel-na-Mara led from pillar to post in the Berni Inns Steeplechase (qualifier), to give his trainer, Stan Mellor, some small consolation for the loss of his promising young hurdler, Bell Bryn, who had to be put down on the previous evening when it was discovered that he had broken a shoulder after falling at Kemoton.

at Kempton.

Jumping like a buck, Ceol-naMara gave Jubar a good ride.

Jobar is Jeremy Glover's understudy in Mellor's stable at Lambourn and right well did he ride

Ceol-na-Mara in the absence of
the stable's number one jockey, who was on duty at Wolverhamp-ton. In the process he earned the praise of Mellor, the unity man to have ridden more than 1,000 win-ners under National Hunt rules in ners under National Hunt rules in this country. The owners of Ceolna-Mara have every right to regard December 27 as their lucky day. It was on the same day last year that their horse won a hurdle race for them at Kempton. Johar and Mellor hoped to win the Kenton Handicap Steeplechase as well with No Seneth but this former point-No Scotch, but this former point unseated his young rider.
Right Lad had been jumping boldly and merrily in the lead

from the outset, a role that both he and his rider. Bob Champion, were obviously content to continue. At no stage did this young horse look in any danger of being defeated. I gathered afterwards from his trainer, Miss Aureol Sinclair, that Right Lad is now earmarked for the Stones Ginger Wine Steeple-

Stag Party is weighted to beat Tee-Cee-Bee

Just how severely limited is the upply of horses who can truly stay three miles and jump 20 fences is shown by the size of the fields for Wetherby's 54,000 Rowland Meyrick Handicap Steeplechase on Thursday and for today's £1.500 Northumbria Handicap Steeplechase at Newcasile.

In Wetherby's big race, won by Glen Owen, bought in Ireland as a four-year-old three years ago by Neville Crump for Lord Cadogan, there were six runners, and this afternoon only five will start for the Northumbria Steeplechase, carrying a handsome prize. But both races are over three miles, both are on northern race courses, both races are on northern race courses, and they come within 48 hours of each other. There are not enough good staying steeplechasers to provide fields of eight up to 12 or the change to her courses not far apart.

Every National Hunt programme Every National Hunt programme must include a three mile race over fences, and it might be fruitful and rewarding, and certainly more attractive to the public, if Newcastle and Wetherby at these Christmas meetings were to discuss things and work out a policy which would benefit all. The Rowland Meyrick Steeplechase is longer established than Newcastle's Northumbria Steeplechase. Perhaps it would be better for both courses if Newcastle reduced the value of the three-mile Northumbria Steeplechase and took £1,000 of it to put to a two-mile handicap steeplechase. The result of such an agreement on these lines might an agreement on these lines might mean larger fields for both courses, and there would certainly be a dozen runners for a £1,500 two-mile handicap steeplechase at New-

For the Northumbria Streple-chase this afternoon, the question might hover over the ability or otherwise of the grey Tee-Cee-Bee to give 22 lb to Jumbo Wilkinson's Stag Party. In Ascot's SGB Steeplachase on December 14 Tee-Steeplechase on December 14 Tee-Cee-Bee finished a good fourth to Rough House, but he gave a dif-ferent performance earlier at New-bury when he showed little cere-mony or attention to the starter and swerved violently to his right when the field was coming into line. He shot Bob Davies our of the saddle and took no part. If the race today had been at Ayr. where Tee-Cee-Bee has 2 great record, he probably would have been my choice, but at the weights Stag party, a winner over three miles at Teesside Park, might be the sounder selection.

SKF Cesarewich and third and more, offering the chance to bet first in his two races over hurdles each-way when they take place over this season in the colours of New-the holiday period, and are on castle'; chairman, Colonel R. Taylor, may be too good for Dansan in the first division of the Partridge Novices' Hurdle (12.30). Partridge Novices' Hurdie (12.50).
However, Ken Oliver who frains
Dansan is likely to win the second
division (3.0) with Basil Thyme.
The six-year-old running for
only the fourth time in three
geasoms, won by a neck at Ayr
early in December. He slipped out
in the marker from 7-1 to 11-1 and
he is probably improving.

Irish Favour, second in the 1973

Se is probably improving.

Old Vince, disqualified for bumping at the same Ayr meeting after timishing first to The Genr. is well in the £2,000 Ladbroke Bally Bow Handicap Hurdle with 10 st. In this race, named after Ken Chiver's top-class handicapper, who won the equivalent race at New-castle in 1968 and collapsed and dled just after he had passed the post. Charlie Hall's good filly Super Nova and Stay-Bell are noted as the dangers to Old Vince.

French Wood stays on too strongly for Shinto

The Benign Bishop put up a The Benign Bishop put up a fine weight-carrying performance in the mud when giving 35th to Fanatic in the Towton Handicap Steeplechuse at Wetherby yesterday. The seven-year-old, ridden by Stuart Oliver, tracked the course specialist, Blonde Viking, in the early stages and then went on from Fanatic with four fences to jump.

Ken Oliver, saddling his cighteenth winner of the season, said: "The going was all against The Benign Bishop. He hates soit and will now either go for the Belston Handicap Chase at Ayrnext week, or line up for the Great Lancashire Handicap Chase at Haydock on January 4. Smart Oliver, registering his uineteenth win as an amateur, was having his first ride this season.

Neville Crump, who completed a Neville Crump, who completed a trainer. Miss Aureol Sinclair, that Right Lad is now earmarked for the Stones Ginger Wine Steeple chase, run at Sandown on February 1.

STATE OF CONE SHEET AND LEGISLA AND LEGISLA BOARD.

Barberry provided a surprise in the first division of the Christmas Juyenile Novices' Hurdle when holding on by a head from the odds-on Mine a Million. Barberry, powerfully ridden by Paul Bloomfield. carried 21b overweight and strode into the lead on the run-in to give Mrs Betty Mardin from Peterborough her first success as an owner.

David Goulding came in for a lucky chance ride on Clicquot Signal, who won the Boroughbridge Novices' Steeplechase. J. James, the gelding's usual partner, was down to ride at Market Rasen and at the last usuante David Goulding was booked. Goulding shook his mount up on the run-int to win by half a length from Kelton Lad to provide Jumbo Wilkinson, the trainer, with his twelfth success of the season.

The two-day meeting attracted good crowds. Six thousand racegoers clicked through the turnstiles on Boxing Day, and 5,000 turned up yesterday—1.000 up on the same day last year.



Comedy of Errors takes 2-1 lead

Dublin, Dec 27

Comedy of Errors became the first horse to win two runnings of the Irish Sweeps Hurdle when at Leopardstown yesterday he got the better of an exciting duel with his old rival. Lanzarote, to win by a length. This was very much a two-house race and the nearest member horse race and the nearest member of the pursning pack was the 30-1 English-trained runner Air Straight, who was six lengths behind in third place. The best of the Irish was Ribosaim. This brother to the Oaks winner, Long Look, was another five lengths back, just ahead of Parent Slipper.

Lanzarote's stable companion. Calzado, was first into his stride and led early on, but his spell of steeple-thasing appears to have

ann et early out ut us spen or steeplechasing appears to have blumed his speed and he never set the sort of headstrong gallop that one expected. With three-quarters of a mile to travel. Lauzarote took or a mile to travel, Lanzarote fook command, but ken White riding Comedy of Errors was taking no chances of the leader slipping the field and he was in close touch over the third last flight. At this point Mr Straight was lying second, but soon afterwards he charted to

had a length to spare over the im-proving Comedy of Errors. Lanzarote was the first to come Lanzarote was the first to come under pressure and reaching the final flight it was clear that Comedy of Errors was going that much easier. He was not too clever here and Lanzarote was quicker away from the flight, but on the long run-in Comedy of Errors stride by stride cut into Lanzarote's lead and, taking up the running 200 yards from home, won somewhat comfortably from his hard-pressed opnoment.

for nome Lanzarote on the rails

This was their third encounter and the second time that Comedy of Errors has proved the better of the pair. All is now set for the fourth meeting in the Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham in March and the leading firms of London. and two leading firms of London booknakers were divided in their opinions as to what will be the outcome. William Hill make outcome. William Hill make Comedy of Errors favourite at 5-4 with Lanzarote a 6-4 chance, but Ladbrokes reversed the two horses and leave Lanzarote as their favourite. My own view is that on anything

other than heavy ground Comedy of Errors has every chance of regaining the title which he lost to Lanzarote nine months ago.

Future plans for the two hurdles, are not absolutely definite, but the provisional arrangement is that Comedy of Errors will reappear in the Wolverhampton Champion Hurdle Trial on February 10 and that Lanzarote will be reserved for the Ladbroke Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton the same month.

Yesterday's success marked Fred. Rimell's third victory in the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, but it has been a far from happy Christmas for his arch rival, Fred Winter, who on Buxing Day had seen his top steeplechaser, Pendil, bearen by VI Steeplechase at Kempton Park, and now was on hand to see Lanzarote's claim to be rated Europe's top hurdler further 2.5 (2.10) IRISH SWEEPS (C12,500: Dm)

Control of Errors, br h, by Gold-hill-Control Actress (E. I. While (I) - 10 feet Lanzarote, hr g, this Wandown, 6-12-0 R, Phinah (6-2) Mr Straight, b g, by Straight Lad-hills Universe (Miss. J. J. 1910 Feb. 11-10 M. Wakky (50-1) USO FAN (11-1) Rumble Reg. (15)

Berry to pit Duffle Coat against top-class opposition

have won all seven.

The Wills Premier Steeplechase course", the trainer, Jack Berry, Berry is undecided which race to go for at Cheltenham. "He has the speed to win at two miles and the speed to w final at Haydock Park next month and then one of Cheltenham's top novice events in March are the ambitious targets for Duffle Coat, who pipped Brown Admiral by a neck for the Astbury Trophy at Wolverhampton yesterday.

Duffle Coat is not only the best horse I have trained, but I think he is the best in the country.

The fences here are only toys for bigger jumps and a tougher National Hunt Festival runner for Berry, was gaining his fifth win from seven starts and the trainer is emphatic that his horse should

Duffle Coat and his market rival, Brown Admiral, who is also highly rated by Fred Rimell, matched strides over the last had a hard always just holding the upper hand in the straight.

After eight weeks out of luck Lord Oaksey came in for a chance ride on The Leap in the Stafford Handicap Steeplechase, due to the injury of Sean Parkyn at Win-canton. Lord Oaksey made the most of his opportunity, poaching advantage a mile from home and bearing the top with Spanish Steps, by six lengths.

Newbury programme

| Felevision + BBC 1 |: 1.0. 1.35, 2.5, 2.35 races | £819 : 2m 160vds) - 13 01-4031 Brantridge Farmer (Mrs Intche), f. Walte, h. 4-11-11 W. Smith
O Artegan (D. St.) Artegan (D. St.) - 11-1 D. Menie
O Blarney Time (D. St.), St. h. 4-11-1 J. Mr St.011
0200-02 France (D. St.) Walten, f. 11-1 K. Horvbin
0-03 Sir Barrymore: (S. Bordbi), F. Waltern, 6-21-4 A. Beanford

O4 Cash Bosanza (M. Buckley), P. Bailey, 11-0 W. Shoemark
I Current Magic (R. Ashmen), M. Tate, 11-0 ... R. R. Evans
O Decision (Livors of R. Graham), D. Maris, 11-0 ... M. Salamon
O De Miss Bobrer, C. Davies, 11-0 ... M. Salamon
O Miss Poker Face (Ld Norrie: R. Furnell, 11-0 S. Kuight 5
Plering (D) (I. Susset, D. Sasse, 11-0 ... M. Surndord
O Roman Way (I. Cartiorn), I. Ramell, 11-0 ... J. Burke
O Verona Bay (Miss Carroll), R. Armytiage, 11-0 Lord Oaksey
O Woodlands Girl (J. Heritage), M. Tate, 11-0 ...
Sunyboy, 4-1 Nougal, 5-1 Finistione, 11-2 Miss Poker Face, Pierino, oman Way, 12-1 Cash Bonanza, 29-1 others.

1.35 MANDARIN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £3,153: 3}m 50: 2121-00 The Dikler (C) (Mrs August), F. Walwyn, 11-12-7 R. Barry 501 13212d- Proud Tarquin (Sir J. Thomson), R. Armylage, 11-10-10 Caksey 505 10-21pf Cackolder (C) (Exora of Mrs Rogerson), R. Turnell, 210-10 Turnell, 210-10 Turnell, 210-10 Caksey 205 10-21pf Cackolder (C) LExors of Mrs Rogerson . B. Lunen. A. Turnell (308 0-00330 Moonlight Escapade (Mrs E. Wharton I. C. Miller, 8-10-5 D. Cartwright D. Cartwright

311 1111p-3 Plas lolyn (A. Perry). J. Thorne, 10-10-1 ... P. Blacker 314 2004-30 Prairie Dog (Mrs Walwyn). F. Walwyn, 10-10-0 . A. Branford 7-4 The Olkier, 3-1 Cuckolder, 3-1 Moonlight Escapade, 8-1 Proud Tarquin, Plas Iolyn, 12-1 Prairie Dog. 2.5 OLD YEAR STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £900: 2m 160yds) 401 010223- Into View (C) (Mrs Brown: F. Winter, 11-12-0 R. Pitman 403 00p-01p Shock Result (CD) : Mrs Mechan , R. Turnell, 8-11-1 A. Turnell 404 0 Benya Adventure : Mrs Henriques : T. Forster, 9-11-0 G. Thurnell 408 121-032 Ballyrichard Again J. Webber : Webber, 9-10-3 . A. Webber 4-5 Into View, 5-2 Ballyrichard Again, 7-2 Shock Result, 10-1 Denys Adventure.

2.35 SOVEREIGN HURDLE (Handicap: £2,283:2m) 504 414-123 Zeliaman (D) (M. Kimmins), F. Waiwyn, 5-11-8 . R. Barry 505 403-040 Old Man Dimplex (D) (E. Wale), W. Marsholl, 7-11-6 Zellamae (D) (M. Kinmins), F. Walwyn, 5-12-5.
Old Man Dimplex (D) (E. Wade), W. Mershell, 7-11-6.
M. Wagner
Ronson Avenue (D) (D. Stanton), M. Tale, 5-11-3 R. R. Evans
Fighting Tally (CD) (Mrs Tyrwhilt-Dreke), P. Upton, 7-11-1
P. Blacker
P. Blacker
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P. Blacker
P. Blacker Birds Nest (D) (I. Scott), R. Turnoll, 4-11-0. A. Turnell Accord (D) (Mrs Williams), R. Turnell, 7-10-11 S. Knight 5 My Hero (G. Greenwood), A. Slevens, 5-10-2 N. Flansgan J. Levantino (D) (D. Horswell), D. Morley, 5-10-1 G. Thorner Beaming Lae (CD) (J. Thorner, Thorne, 6-10-0. G. Read Mightier Yet (D) (Mrs McFerran), C. Davies, 4-10-0 M. Salaman

M. Salaman 7-2 Zellaman, 9-2 True Sone, 11-2 Bird's Nest, 13-3 Accord, 14-2 Fightin Taffy, 10-1 Old Man Dimplex, Beaming Lee, 12-1 My Hero, Ronson Avenue 20-1 others.

3.05 CHALLOW HURDLE (3-y-o : £2,141 : 2m) DW HURDLE (3-y-0: £2,141: 2m)

Benroy (A. Kennedy), M. Haynes, 11-0 D. Mould Caissa Ira (M. Roberts), J. Hayward, 11-0 J. Davios S. Catherine Star (R. Gilling), Mrs. Flich, 11-0 R. Cyren, Colman (D) (Quoon Mother), F. Watwyn, 11-0 R. Cyren, Dear Paga (D) (Mrs. Hazell), P. Taylor, 11-0 A. Carroll 7 Double Mint (S. Mitchell), D. Barons, 11-0 A. Carroll 7 Dramatist (L. Thwaltes), F. Watwyn, 11-0 A. Branlord Dram Major (D. Underwood), Underwood, 11-0 B. Rouse Hulagu (P. Deal), S. Mollor, 11-0 D. Spock, T. Montreal Boy (C. Cavenia), R. Smyth, 11-0 B. Rouse Hulagu (P. Deal), S. Mollor, 11-0 D. Spock, T. Montreal Boy (C. Cavenia), R. Smyth, 11-0 B. Rouse Nogae (N. Capon), R. Price, 11-0 P. Kelloway Paymaster (S. Roberts), D. Barons, 11-0 P. Kelloway Paymaster (S. Roberts), D. Barons, 11-0 R. Hunhes Sarouk (R. Boucher, C. Benstead, 11-0 R. Hunhes Sarouk (R. Boucher, C. Benstead, 11-0 R. Rallins Say Something (M. Gussins), G. Harwood, 11-0 M. Wegner Sindelle (Mrs. Scrase), G. Harwood, 11-0 M. Wegner Sindelle (Mrs. Scrase), G. Harwood, 11-0 M. Wegner Sindelle (Mrs. Scrase), G. Harwood, 11-0 C. Goldsworthy Zip Fastener (R. McAlpine), F. Ribnell, 11-0 J. Burke, 4-1 Montreal Roy, 9-2 Colman, 5-1 Zip Fastener, 8-1 Sea Fern. Op

5-3 Hulagu, 4-1 Montreal Boy, 9-3 Colman, 5-1 Zip Fastener, 8-1 Sea Fern, 10-1 Dramatist, 12-1 Nonac, 16-1 Mr Mouse, 30-1 others.

* Wolverhampton

124.45 (12.51) WESTON HURDLE (D)v 1: 5-y-0 novices: £272: 2m)

1: 3-y-0 novices: \$273: 2m)
Lord Greyntoke, b g, by Royal
Palm-Laland Lady (Mrs G4
Sandiford). 10-7
Fox Run, ch c, by Cluar RunFoxight Fancy (Mrs V Porsor),
10-7
Shepherd's Day (Mrs R. HeathShepherd's Day (Mrs R. HeathCoter, 10-7
L. Halme (11-4)
Foxight Fancy (15-1 Little Gnat, Daybrook Jane, 25-1 Ask for Roger, 35-1
Sybil, Mistress Blarney, Polo Pam,
Estude (p), Heath Hill. 13 ran.
10-1E: Win, 21p: places, 15h, 15p.

TOTE: Win, 21p; places, 15h, 15h, 18p. G. Hichards, at Pennith. 6l, 2l, clover Cottage and Lady Cynshay did not run.

1.45 (1.46) ALBRICHTON (Handicap: 4544; 21-10)

Handicap: 25.44; 2°-jin)

Vale Royale, ch 9, by Barbary

Piralo—Kale's Chalet (Mr G.

Hackling), 7-11-5

Garlisstown, hr 9, by Sea Wolf—
Larel Loef (Mr W. Lovo), 7-12-0

Mr H. J. Evans (15-2) 2

Chanter Mark. ch m. by River
Chanter—Obery Mark (Mr D.

Darling), 7-10-0

Mr D. Darling (7-1) 3

Mr D. Darling (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Leeward (t). Ronanna, 10-1 Light Master (4th). Plobur.
13-1 Truff Blazer. 20-1 Master Blarney.
25-1 Might Heritage, Uncle Monty,
Ceitle Delight, Arctic Scholar (p). 15
ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 24p, 23p. lp._ G. Backling, at Chellenham.

2.15 (2.17) ASTBURY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1.199: 3m)

(Novices: £1.199: 2nı)
Duffle Ceat. b g, by Sca Moss—
Stainton Cates : Mr P. Parkinson 1.
b-11-12 M. Dickinson (5-2 fav) 1
Brown Admiral, br g. by Barqello—
Dream of Durrow (Mr H. Zelsei).
5-11-7 ... J. Burke (11-1) 2
Paisbey, ch h. by Pall Mall—
(2arg-thaoger Mr A. Bowman).
5-11-2 bi ... J. Haine (100-50) 3

Warwick programme

[Television (IBA): 1.45, 2.15 and 2.45 races]





1.45 BEGINNERS STEEPLECHASE (£892 : 2\m)

1.45 SEGINDERS SIEDFLECCHASE (LOSS. 2511)
2*20-1121 Srencho II (D) (F. Tyldesley), A. Dickinson, 5-12-0

5 3f-1p
10 11000-0 Copper Canyon (J. Rowley), W. Whiston, 7-10-11 R. F. Davies
15 41-03 Master Upham (R. Brinkworth), D. Gandolfo, 6-10-11
W. Shoemark 11-8 Stalonist. 15-8 Master Upham, 11-4 Copper Canyon. 2.15 WILLIAM HILL HURDLE (Handicap: £832: 2m)

6 Of0410 Captain Ezra (D) (R. Finch), Finch, 5-11-0 O'Donovan
7 0-01022 Spartan (CD) (W. Catstrey), M. Tate, 6-10-11. Mr Evans 7
10 30002 Fire Alarm 1J. Rowe), Frice, 5-11-2 ... Mr Jones 7
10 30002 Fire Alarm 1J. Rowe), F. Rimell, 4-10-1 ... K. White
11 001024- Red China (Mrs Blackburn), Miss Morris, 5-10-3 ... P. Larcombe 7
11-4 Spartan, 4-1 Horry Zephyr, 6-2 Fire Alarm, 11-2 Grey Dove, 7-1 Mr
Flyer, 8-1 Captain Ezra, 12-1 Red China.

2.45 CRUDWELL CUP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,044; 03121 Highland Explorer (CD) (S. Bosley), D. Nicholson, 9-11-2 6 111p-14 Clarification (CD) (Lord Dulverton), R. Armytzge, 6-11-1

3.15 WASPERTON HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £204: 2m 5f)

Warwick selections

CHASE (Handicap: \$443: 3m)

The Leap. br g, by Motdore—
Golden Hair (Mrs. J., Matthews).
9-11-2
Spanish Steps. b q, by Flush Royal
—Theretta (Mr. E. Courage).
11-11-8
Longman.
Longman

TOTE: Win, 56p: nlacos, 20p. 16p. 20p: duil forecast, £1,05. R. Army-tage, it East listey. 6t. 71. Ballyboara Hill and Hard Cash did not run.

3.15 (3.18) WESTON HURDLE (DIV U: 5-y-0 navices: £372; 2m)

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Dumette 1.15 My Captain 1.45 Master Upham 2.15 Harry Zephyr. 2.45 Highland Explorer 3.15 Nagari.

Market Rasen

13.50 (13.32): RISBY STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: \$443; 2m)

Handicap: \$443: 2m;

Sen More, b. g., by Khalkis—lona's

Girl (Mr P. Harport 6-12-7

Saiara Pasha, b. h., by Rusiam—
Dona Ana (Mr J. Edmonds)

5-10-3. Edmonds)

Ann Rose, b. m., by Cortachy—Pern

Doll (Mr A. Smedley) 7-10-2

Mr R. Smedley) 7-10-3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Goldy's Boy (4th),

8-1 Cruiscin Lan (f), 11-1 Blankney

Lad (pul, 35-1 Brassato (ur), 7 ran,

TOfE: Win, 17p; places, 12p; Chyl

Dual forreast: 5-p. J. Hardy, at Staum
ton, 61, 31.

1.0_(1.02) ALFORD HURDLE (£170:

Tim)
Timbe, gr t, by Quorum—Gamble
in Gold (Mr J. Craig) 7-11-5
A. Boughton 1-1)
Starry Cluster, ch c. by Starry
Hallo—Darby's Girl (Mr P.
Curtle) 3-10-5
D. Briscov (12-1) 2
Sea Dragon, gr g. by Pendragon
—Ocean Express (Mr I. Southsen) 10-11-10
S. Holland (oven fay) 3
ALEO RAN: 4-1 Anglescy Royal

Newcastle programme

[Television (IBA): 1.30, 2.0 and 2.30 races]

ARTRIDGE GUNDLE (DR 1 - 222 - 221 -

1.0 PHEASANT HURDLE (Handicap: £264: 2m 60yd)
1 30u-p10 Toringa (A. Bell), G. Bell, 8-12-7 J. Will
4 104p-p2 Hassendean Burn (CD) (W. Forster), Forster, 12-11-19

7-4 Hassendean Born, (11-4) Night St. le, 4-1 Cagey Boy, 5-1 Hondo Lane 8-1 Night Afrair, 16-1 Others. 1.30 LADBROKE BILLY BOW HURDLE (Handicap: £1,632:

 5-4 Super Nova, 7-2 Gay Perch, 4-1 Front Bencher, 13-2 Irish
 8-1 Slay-Boll, 10-1 Old Vince, 12-1 Indian Emperor, 16-1 others. 2.0 NORTHUMBRIA STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,266: 3m) 10-21s4 Tee-Cee-Bee (CD), (T. Sell), Bell, 8-12-0 ... Mr Ma 1703-04 Scariet Letch (LD) (R. Brewis), Brewis, 9-10-9 ... P. M. 331341 Stag Party (D), (Mrs Pliman), B. Wilkinson, 6-10-6 ... D. 160-11p Lingus (C), (E. Bell), K. Ollwer, 9-10-3 C. 1400-24 Master Val (D), (Mrs Tremewan, W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-403 Master Val (D), (Mrs Tremewan, W. A. Stephenson, 7-10-603 Master Val (D), (Mrs Tremewan, W. A. Stephenson,

2.30 GAME BIRD STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £340: 21m) 224 Even Now, (L. Sainor), K. Oliver, 6-11-3 ... C. Tinkier, 220 Anglo Scot. (Liss Gordon), T. Page, 5-10-12 ... D. Munro L. Anglo Scot. (Liss Gordon), T. Page, 5-10-12 ... D. Munro L. Anglo Scot. (Liss Gordon), T. Page, 5-10-12 ... M. Biackshaw L. Anglo Scot. (Liss Brig (J. Alarchall), R. Cross 5-10-5 ... P. Brogan 12 Sebastian V. (R. Joffroys), R. Cross, 6-10-5 ... D. Moorthood O4 Border Grain, (Mrs Dixon), V. Thompson, 5-10-5 ... J. O'Neill Merrybent, (C. Attwood), Denys Smith, 5-10-2 ... D. Gulding Machine, C. Attwood), Denys Smith, 5-10-1 ... D. Atkins Rubsite, 5-2 Sebastian V. 4-1 Be. My Guest, 11-2 Anglo Scot. 8-1 ... 14-1 others.

3.00 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (Div II: £272: 2m 60yd) 3.00 PARTRIDGE HURDLE (DIV II: L.//2: 2m bUyd)

2-1 Easil Thyme (E. Collins). K: Otver, 6-12-2 C. Tinkie:
5 003-00 Gusserane, (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-9 R. Collins;
10 Little Red. (P. Glossop). R. C. Wardt. 8-11-9 R. Collins;
11 O Mayhap (E. Cille-McGallech). W. A. Stephenson, 6-11-9 T. Slaci
12 O Nauthus (R. Blackshaw), Blackshaw, 5-11-9 D. Davios;
13 Staps Again (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 5-11-9 D. Davios;
14 0-00 Tanneld (Mrs Rutchison-Bradburne), Hutchison-Bradburne, 5-11-9 3-posses and Commell Read (Mrs Berry), G. Richards, J-11-4 ... J. I. O Nell 3-posses and Mrs Milliann, B. Williamen, J-11-4 ... D. Milliann, J-11-4 ... D. Milliann, J-11-4 ... G. Holmes 2-6 Basil Thyme, 4-11 Cromwell Road, 6-1 Gusserane, 12-1 Mayhap, 20-1

Newcastle selections

By Our Racing Staff 12.30 Irish Favour. 1.0 Night Skite. 1.30 Old Vince. 2.0 STAG PARTY is specially recommended. 2.30 Rubstic. 3.30 Basil Thyme.

Newbury selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.30 Brantridge Farmer. 1.0 Sunyboy. 1.35 The Dikler. 2.05 Shock Result. 2.35 BIRDS NEST is specially recommended. 3.5 Zip Fastener.

TOTE: Win: 58p; places. 17p. 23p. 12p. F. Carr. at Matton. 61. hd. Win-ner, was bought in for 500 guiness. 1.50 (1.52) KINGEREY HURDLE
(4-y-0; £510; 3'sm)
Duc D'Orienns, ch c. by Ballymoss
—Bleu Azur (Mr A. Cox) 11-0
Browneuth, ch 9, by Midsummer
Night il—Double Pans (Mr A.
Browster) 11-5

G. Holmes (12-1) 2 Browster) 11-5 G. Holmes (12-1) 2
Coolemandra, br G. Holmes (12-1) 2
— Quick and Lively (Colonel A. Waite), 11-0 R. Waster (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-9 fav Relevant (pu).

Ginters Brigs. b 8. by Naucra-Faireira (Mr. P. Harper) 8-12-4 S. Holland (1-6 tav) 1 Gramophene, ch 8. by Pinca-Hyporogram (Mr. J. Rowles) (1-10-0 ... J. James (10-1) 2 Swan-Shot, b 9. by Combat Swan Queen (Mr. J. Crais 1-9-13 A Houghton (15-8) 3 ALSO RAN: 10-1 Ranipaman (3th)

2.50. 12.531 THORESWAY STEEPLE-CHASE (Novices: 2510: 2m of)
Drumador. b g. said to be by Drumbey-Ratador (Mr J. Bowness:
8.12.0 ... S. Holland (4-6 fax) 1
Bilbo. ch g. by Crecket-Flora
Leigh (Li-Co) G. Hillingworth:
1-10.7 ... S. Holland (1-6 fax) 1
Goldag Fastival, b m. by Nauctra
—Penny Mity (Nr E. Bardgett:
6-11.2 ... J. James (8-1: 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1: Rusty's Gift (f).
1-1 Dragon Fleids (4th. 12-1 Count
Varano (f), Harty's Best. 36-1 Queen
Bow. 8 rm.
TOTE: Win. 31p: places. 12p, 15p,
15p: dual forecast, 33p. J. Hardy, at
Statunton. 10l. sh hd. Hilla's Hurricane
did not rus. a ran.

1978: Win. 34p; forecast, 62.27. L.
C3770d, at Lincoln. Distance, 101. Ashendene did not run.

3.0 (3.02): MANBY HURDLE (Handlendene did not run.

The East Turk, b g, by Sovereign

cap: Novices: 2442: 2m1
The Bay Turk b g, by Sovereign
Lord-Aimend (Mr T. Bayley:
4.11-9. I Marshall (S-2) 1
Archetto, br c. by Arcticeelsgh
Poliy Bellino (Mrs. J. Hardy)
1.12-1. S. Rolland (6-1) 2
Kasshrd, b l. by Birdbrook
Limena (Mr J. Turner) 4-11-8
G. Helmey (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5-1 Lat Dawhinnie, 8-1
Momioo, 10-1 Landscaper (4th. 12-1
Nau-Fafr, 20-1 Rhum, 8 ran
TOTE: Win. 45p: phisees, 25p. 27p.
20p; dual forceast. 74p. S.
20p; dual forceast. 74p. 8
Thomas (11-1) Nomibile did not ren. TOTE: Win, 199; forecast, 55p. J. Drumador. 26.60. TREBLE: Timbo, and at Staumton. 25d. 81.

Kempton Park results CHASE (Handkap) C612: cm, i70yd. Well Oiled, b. g., by Cassun—Nearly Gone (Sir C. Clore), 7578. 10 St. 10 ib. W. Smith (15-8) 1 Vikrom, br. in. by Menelek—Dancing Jade (Mrs J. Craig), 7378. 11 St. 5t. b. J. Franconce (10-11 fat) 2 Shawmigan, b. g. by Pandolel—Persalira (Mr. A. Wood), 10yrs, 10 st. 6tb. P. Keikeway (1-1) 3 TOTE: Win, 24p, Forerast, 54p. F. Walwyn, at Lambourn, Distance, 25k. 57n.

12.45 (12.47) EGHAM HURDLE 2.20 (2.21) CHRISTMAS STEEPLE-(Div 1: novices: £338; 2m) CHASE (Handicap: £612; 2m) Kian, b c, by Reilc—Irania (Nirs B. Barris). 4yrs. 10 st 8 lb 1. King (35-1) 1 king (3

ran, TOTT: Win, £4.18: places, 65n, 15p, 25p, G. Bowicke, at Didcot. Sht hd, 8t. 1.15 (1.17) BERNI INNS STEEPLE-CHASE (£901; 3m)

CHASE (£901: 3m)

Cool-ma-Marm, ch. g. by Apollonius
Dorcanna (Mrs. M. SeddonBrown). Syrs, 10 st. 2 5

Moon Trip, b s. by Blast—Highl's
Orchid (Mrs. Connell), 6yrs, 1

1 st. 8 lb Mr C. Sounders (20-1) 2

Exhibit 8, b g. by Vulgan—Rosbrin
Rose (Mrs. Handord (11-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 3-1 Man on the Moon
(1. 6-1 Silver Metror) 4th). Happy
Warrior (U). 13-2 Pootbear, 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 230: places, 19p. 61n. TOTE: Win, Cop: places, 19b, 61p; dual forecast, £4,75. 5. Mellor, at Lambourn, 10l, 20l.

1.15 (1.18) LADBROKE HOLIDAYS
HURDLE (Bandleap: £1.012: 5an)
Don't Hesitate, b g, by Enlanglemont—Crysial Clear (Mr P.
Belkher: 4yrs, 10 st 15 lb
J. Francome (10-1: 1
Hurry Imp. b g. by Havelot—Rising
Gold (Mrs O. Nogus-Fancey:
4yrs, 10 st 15 lb
Palm Monday, ch g. by Royal Palm
—Tuesday Eve (Mr J. Hughes);
6yrs, 10 st 7 lb
B. R. Davies (1-3) 3
ALSO RANI 3-1 lay inaudible (p). ALSO RAN: 4-1 fay inaudible (pt. 5-1 Sydney Carten, 7-1 Makadir, 8-1 Sydney Carten, 7-1 Makadir, 8-1 Sydney Carten, 7-1 Valuable Coin Mathematical William 30-1 Valuable Coin TOTE: Win, 88p; places, 25p, 20n, 17p, P. Cundell, at Compton, 81, 12l. Top Priority and Quickstiver did not run.

2.50 (2.52) KENTON STEEPLECHASE (2500) 5m)

Right Lad, ch g, by Game Richts—Canny's Lad (Mr M, Sanderson), 6vs. 10 st 8 lb
R. Champion (2-1 (av) 1
Great Opportunity, b g, by Orchast—Great Moon (Mr M, Holly), 6yrs, 11 st 51b (Mr M, Holly), 6yrs, 10 st anne unknown (Mrs E, Schwar 6yrs, 10 st 4 lb J, Kung (12-1), 3

ALSO RAN: 9-4 No Scoich (f) ALSO RAN: 9-4 No Scotch (f).
15-2 Slan's Boy (f). 8-1 Westerly Winds (p). 20-1 Super Do (p).
Smokeless (p). 8 ran.
TOTE: Win. 32p; places. 18p. 29p.
21p: dual forecast. \$2.53. Miss A.
Sinclair. at Lews. 121, 151, Barmer and Thursday Christian did not run. 3.20 (3.25) Egham : Hurdle novices: £258; 2m) novices: 2238: 2m)

Beau Regard, b c. by Charlottesvine.—Regal Boil (Mrs J.
Mullion). 4yrs. 10 at 8 lb

Heldelberg, b g. by Miralgo—
Wostern Sun (Mr N. Whitcomb).

Syrs. 10 at 13 lb

C. Read (2-1 fav) 2

Highwiew Jack, b g. by Parhia—
Mollymawk (Virs S. Sutton.

Syrs. 10 at 15 lb

M. C. Gilford (7-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Jockey. 8-1 China
Bank (4th). 10-1 The Dene. 16-1 Gay
God, My Charlio. 20-1 Humanist. Our
Nipper. 23-1 Cromwell. The Magician.
Eastarose, Shivers Regal. 14 ran.

TOTE: Win, 55c; places. 27c. 24n. TOTE: Win. 56p: places. 27p. 20p. 24p. H. Price. at Findon. 31. 61. TOTE DOUBLE: Don't Hesister and Right Lad. 119.45. Troble: Ceol-Na-Mara, Well Olled and Beau Regard. 14.40. Jackpot: Not won. No consolation dividend. Today's pool at Newbury guaranteed at 24,000.

Wetherby results

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Arrow Head. 8-1 Fighting King (4th. 11-1 Buckmeno). 12-1 Curied Leaf, 20-1 King's Scholar, Phanton Cat. Satalis, Silde. Nambour 10TE: Win, £1.46: places, 35p, 13p, 14p. G. Vergette, at Markot Doeping. Hd. 3,1.

.0 · · · /1.1) BOROUCHBRIDGE STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £540: 3m · 100yds: 160yds:
Cliquet Signal, b g. by Rullagheelagh—Space Signal (Mr E. Hunlef), 7-11-5. D. Goulding (10.1) 1
Katton Lad, br h, by Cummingham—
Guide (Mr T. Limieton), 5-11-4
Siliestone, b g. by Rullabaloo—Cullyvore (Mr S. Norton), 6-11-5
S. Nattriss (2-1 fav) 3 ALSO RAN: 9-4 Ronest Lawyer (f), 6-1 Luctin (f), By Flight II (p). TOTE: Win, 84p; places, 21p, 15p; brecast, £1.65. B. Wilkinson, at Middlebam, 4ct, 10t.

1.30 (1.37) CHRISTMAS HUROLE

(Div II: 3-y-o novices: 2204; 2m)

Ressborough, ch c, by Mossborough
—Rossana II (Mrs. A. Cibson:
11-1...T. Skiffington (9-4 | 1 fav)

Listarcembe. ch c, by Aggressor—

Vanits (Lord Vestay), 10-5

J. Suthern (9-4 | 1 fav)

Ciever Prince, gr g, by Grand RoiMarialaina (Mr W. A. Stephenson: 10-6...T. Shock 15-2: 3

ALSO RAN: 12-1 Indubtably (4th).

14-1 Wildlife (p), 16-1 Bechot, 33-1

Flaston, French Tremor, 50-1 Miss Forte

(p), Spillets Jenny, 10 Fan. HOTE: Win, 28p: places, 14p, 15p, 15p: dual forecast, 51p. Thomson Jones, at Nowmarket, 21, 81

12.50 (12.32) CHRISTMAS HURDLE
(Div J: 5-y-o novices: £204: 2m)
Barberry, ch g, by Jolly Jet—Gracia
(Mrs. B. Martin), 10-0
Mines A. Millies, b. c., by Hopefol
Venture—Gem of Gems (Mr G.
Strawbridge), 10-12
Chivas Regal, ch f, by Sword Dancer
—Unity (Mr T. McDonald), 11-1
D. Goulding (5-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 7-1 Arrow Head, 8-1
Fighting King (4th), 11-1 Buckmenol,
12-1 Curied Leaf, 20-1 King's Scholar,
Dhanton Cot. Saistle: Silida Nambour
TOTE: Win, 24a; pizes, 16p, 24p; TOTE: Win, 24p; piaces, 16p, 24p; dual forecast, 62p, K. Oliver, at Hawick, 2!, bad. Hawick, 21, bad.

2.50 (2.53) KNARESBOROUGH
NURDLE (Handicap: 2680: 5m)
Franch Wood, b g. by Haris B.—
Stroft Wood (Lady (adogsa),
9.11-8
Shinto, b c, by Shantung-Sounion
(Mr A. Parke), 4-10-11
Shinto, b c, by Shantung-Sounion
(Mr A. Parke), 4-10-12
Recon, b h. by Reform—Mary Falconer (Mr H. Loader), 5-1-5,
Coner (Mr H. Loader), 5-0-5,
ALSU RAN: 13-8; Stak (5-1), 3
ALSU RAN: 13-8; Stak (5-1),

ran. TOTE: Win. £1.02: places, 29p, 24p. 26p. N. Crump, at Middleham. 11₂1, 6l. Miss Ists did not run. 3.0 (3.5) CHRISTMAS HURDLE (Div III: Novices: £304; 2m) id: Novices: 2904: 2m)

Master Scorchin, b. g. by Goldhill—
Master Scorchin, idf. E. Hallmshaw).

10-5 ... P. Broderick (3-1 fav) 1

Paint Job, b. g. Pretendre—
Lacguer (Mr. W. A. Signhenson).

11-11 ... T. Stack (8-1) 2

Tinker's Plea, ch. g. by L. Dieu D'Or—Twillom (Mr. E. Collingwood).

9-12 ... A. Filat (14-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Stanwick Sovereign

14th). Culberge, 5-1 Pingo, 7-1 Hoperhill Subject, 10-1 Aegaan Song 19.

113-1 Plarmigen (1), 14-1 Montana. Vital Venture, 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 34p: nlaces, 24p. 27p. venture, 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 54p: places, 24p, 27p, 75p, M. W. Easterby, at Multon, 61, 8h hd.
TOTE DOUBLE: Ressborough, Franch Wood; 213-80, TREBLE: Clicquot Signal 1ho Benign History, Master Scorchin; 222,70.

| 1.15 | 1.16 | STANTON STEPLECHASE | Handlcap: \$2.40 | Clum |
| Spariot, b m, by Spartan Ganeral | tre Charlot (Mr. T. Jenks) |
| 1.10 | T. Jenks | T. Jenks |
| 1.10 | T. Jenks | T. Jenks |
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| 1.11 | T. Jenks | T. Jenks |
| 1.12 | T. Jenks |
| 1.13 | T. Jenks |
| 1.15 | T. Jenks |
| 1.1 ALSO CAN: 11-1 Our Edition (f). TOTE: Win, 38p: forecast, £1.05. J. Berry, at Lancaster. Nk. 2L. الكُذَا مِنَ الدُّصِلِ

First round at last stutters to completion

The remaining first round ties in the Rugby Football Union national knockout competition will be decided today when Streatham/Croydon are at home to Richmond and Northampton receive Gosforth. In both cases it is the visiting club who should figure in the second round draw on Monday.

Already through to the last 16 are bath, Bedford, Biackheath, Bristol, Coventry (the holders). Gloucester, Liverpool, London Irish, London Scottish, Moreley, Morpeth, Moseley, Rosslyn Park and Sale. It is typical of the un-sanisfactory organization that the competition has taken nearly three months to stutter through its opening stage.

The four clubs engaged this afternoon have waited until the last possible date and Northampton will now be wishing they had less formidable opponents. Northampton have been beaten at home in successive marches by Wasse. ampton have been beaten at home in successive marches by Wasps and Harlequins and they will be without the England under-23 flanker Graham Phillips, who was injured on Boxing Day. Cannon moves from lock to replace him and Lutter is brought into the second row. Vincent is preferred to the England under-23 captain Raphael as hooker.

Raphael as hooker.

Gosforth will be strengthened by the return of Dixon, the England flanker, who has recovered from the facial injury which required 22 stitches after the second England area trial at Headingley. Dixon Uttley, the British Lion, and Robinson the captain, form the redoubtable back row of a pack which has Scotland's Madsen at hooker, and the England trial player Colin White at prop.

With the experienced Young at

With the experienced Young at scrum half, and the pace and strength of Carr on the wing, Gosforth, who travelled overnight with a squad of 21 players, should have see much fire nower for the have too much fire power for the struggling Northampton team.

Richmond should also be too perienced and robust for Streatham, who won the Surrey cup, then defeated the Sussex titleholders Lewes for the right to challenge Londou's most successful club this London's most successful club this season. Ralston, who missed the final England trial, and the Barbarians game at Leicester, because of his troublesome knee injury, will be back to lead Richmond. Merrick will continue at flanker for the absent Bucknall. But the Cambridge University prop Edwards has a rash and if he camot play either Slattery or Adam will deputize.

The ambitious Streatham club, led and coached by John Suther-land, the former Surrey wing, know the extent of their task—they crashed 25—3 to Richmond at the Athletic ground in September.

Meanwhile full backs make the rews in today's limited club programme with two contenders for the England full back position on view in London-Richards has his first semor game since breaking his jaw in September, when Wasps meet South Wales Police at Sudpurs while Hore his rival in while Hare, his rival in bury, while Hale, has hear the England's final trial last week, will be in the Nottingham side against Blackheath at the Rectory Field.

With a place for a full back still available in England's training practice at Twickenham next week, Jorden can further his claims when Bedford receive Rosslyn Park. He should get a good test because Codd has now returned to his old full back berth after a long spell at centre for Rossivn Park. He changes places with Saville, who ironically left Blackheath last year because of limited opportuniries to play in his favourite full

The England No 8 Ripley will be in the side before departing for a two-week skiing holiday. He will fly back midway through his holi-day for the Twickenham get-

Morrell has a shoulder injury and misses Moseley's game against Birmingham, Griffiths taking his

Liverpool, one of the clubs boping for a financial boost from a home draw in the knockout second round, meet Birkenhead Park—a fixture dating from 1877.

Roughley, their England centre, is back after a fortnight's absence with injury for this 189th match between the two clubs—Park between the two clubs—Park having claimed the most scalps with

Dalglish doubtful for match with Kilmarnock

Rangers and Celtic face Ayrshire poponents in the Scottish League today. Leaders and champions for nine years. Celtic are away to Kilmarnock; Rangers, two points be-hind their great rivals, are at bome to Ayr United.

Celtic beat Kilmarnock 5-0 in Celtic beat Kilmarnock 5—0 in Glasgow in August, but Kilmarnock, who are managed by a former Celtic player, Willic Fernie, are not without hopes of halting Jock Stein's men. In August Celtic's last four goals were not scored until the last 10 minutes and last week Kilmarnock led Dundee United 4—0 before letting United score three quick goals.

Celtic have a slight firmess doubt Celtic have a slight firmess doubt about their striker, Dalglish; Kil-

marnock will be unchanged. Rangers beaten 4-3 by the part-Rangers beaten 4—3 by the pair time Airdriconians last wek, are almost certain to make changes. Quintin Young, the former Coventry City player, will have a test on a bruised foot to see if he can face Ayr. Seventh in the league, Ayr will be unchanged.

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Hibernian, only two points behind Rangers and still challenging for the title, will again be unchanged for Aberdeen's visit.

Squash rackets

Barbarians have it at their fingertips

Rugby Correspondent

Leicester 4 Barbarians 43 The Barbarians, playing the bort of brilliant football behind the scrummage that is in keeping with their loftiest traditions, won a spectacular victory at Welford Road yesterday by two goals, a penalty goal and seven tries to a try.

It is a scoreline falsely suggestive of a rout, and doing scant justice to a Leicester pack that manled and rucked with spirit, organization and good effect. But when it came to skills and speed and flair in midfield only one side had the cutting edge. Moreover, in the second half Blyth was able from second har bryth was able from full back to make some electric entries into his line, and Duckham, playing on the right wing, found firmer going underfoot to give him a launch pad for some devastating

Duckham, Blyth and Preece each got a brace of tries, Warfield, Ripley and Weston one each. And the whole piece was threaded together by a man whose only score was the last conversion, made to isonic cheer. MrGeecham ironic cheers-McGeechan.

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On the end of Weston's unselfish service, McGeechan, with his excellent distribution and innate ability to choose the right option, brought out the best in his English centres, and on occasion sparked off some exciting running from deepest defence. Preces and Warfield, with their contrasting skills, could develop into a potent combination for England. Only Wood behind the Barbarian scrummage had an off day. Little went right for him, and it may have been difficult for anyone observing him for the first time to believe what a good footballer he undoubtedly is.

The scoreline implies a busy and

The scoreline implies a busy and fruitful afternoon for the Barbarians's loose forwards, of whom Neary, swift to the breakdown, eager in attack and endlessly coneager in attack and endlessly con-structive, was the outstanding member. Rowell's bald head was ever to the fore in Leicester's ranks, not least at the front of the line-out, and Willers, playing his farewell game for the first team, Ringer and Forfar were often conspicuous in the open.



Allen burrowed away in zealous allance with his forwards, Dug-gan stepped a third Ducham try with a line cover tackle from the

opposite wing, and Money, kept husy at fullback, was never lacking

brother of the Irish international,

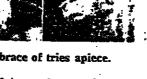
Ray), Ripley and Neary all had

a hand or more in the first my

scored by Blyth from a line-out.

in spirit

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at half-time when McGeechan, from a scrummage, brought off a dummy scissors with Preece and then dummied a pass to Warfield before sending in Preece on his inside. It was all made to look very simple. All Black, Whiting, McLoughlin (younger Leicester now got their salutary score, Wheeler and Allen capitalizing on a breakdown and Dungan hacking through to beat Blyth to the touchdown. Wheeler's kick at goal hit a post. Then Neary set off on a dazzling run down the middle direct from a long Letzers. a long Leicester throw, and finished it perfectly with an inside scoring pass for Preece. Blyth had a simple conversion from in

Blyth could not convert it down the wind and drizzle which Leicester chose to face, and which defeated three attempts by the home captain, Wheeler, to land penalty goals. It was Blyth who got the next try after Duckham had gone round his man but had been checked by Money. Duckham notched number five when his own cross-kick set up a maul, and Rodgers and Weston put him clear. Leicester compounded these misses by giving away three points with a late tackle by Money on Wood, Blyth kicking a penalty goal, and then by making a hash of their own line-out possession. Ripley plundered it into their 25 to set up a ruck, Preece made a half-incision and Warfield burst imperiously clear on his inside. It was not an easy day for place kicking, but Blyth had little excuse for missing this conversion. Leicester compounded these

John Dawes would have admired the Barbarian running out of their 25 and the speed of their finger-tip passing in the middle. He would have liked, too, the way in which Warfield switched the direction of attack with a long pass which had The Barbarlans made it 15-0

for a last pass to Duckham. Next, Whiting sem Duckham driving down the touchline from a lineacross the line on its own momen

Leicester, ever willing, deserved better luck than to see a tapped penalty now come unstuck. Neary and Jenkins made the most of it, Duckham again selled majesticility into the opposing 23, and Weston capped an honest performance by accepting the last pass on the inside. McGeechan kicked his goal, and only a Scrooge could have felt deprived of his money's worth.

LENCESTER: R. Money, J. Dusgan, R. Hall, K. Bru-owell, J. Peney, B. Jones, J. Allen: R. Goaldn, P. Wheeler, Ray French, G. Adey, F. Rowell, P. Ringer, G. Willars, D. Forfar, BARBARIANS: W. R. Blyth ISwansea and Wales: D. J. Duckham (Loventry and England: P. S. Procee
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(Rosslyn Park and England).
Referee: P. D'Arry (Freland).

Scrum half and deputy hurt at same time excellent tackle.

A storming finish enabled Edinburgh Schools to beat Glas-Edinburgh Schools to beat Glasgow Schools at Westerlands by
two tries to a penalty goal yesterday after Glasgow had led from
the fifty-second minute and
several times threatened to go
farther ahead. Before that Hunter,
twice, and Ure had missed good
penalty chances for Edirburgh,
and their scrum half, Hurst, had
lost the ball in the act of touching
down for a try six minutes after down for a try six minutes after

down for a try six minutes after the start.
Glasgow's worst moment came after 22 minutes when Brown was knocked out in a tackle and, having lain still as play continued for more than a minute, was helped from the field. Not only did Brown combine the roles of scrum half, captain and place kicker, but the combined for a start for a

Edinburgh 8 and the regular scrum half instantly proved his fitness on return with a fine cover tackle on Hewitt on one side of the field and resourceful disposal of the ball from an Edinburgh hack-and-chase attack to the other end of the coal-line.

attack to the other end of the goal-line.

With Thomson kicking well, if perhaps too often, downwind, Glasgow got well on top in the second half. They wasted a chance six minutes after the interval when a long kick by Thomson forced Ure to carry over near the negre-Ure to carry over near the posts, but Glasgow were penalized in the five-yard scrum and immediately afterwards in a ruck.

After 52 minutes Edinburgh, off-side at a ruck, gave Brown his first shot at the posts, and he put over a magnificent kick from 45 yards out and 15 from touch. Ure then missed an easier chance for Edin-burgh. With two minutes and half, captain and place kicker, bur massed an easier chance for Edindal and called off with flucton late for a deputy to be summoned, and stoppage time left. Hurst broke strum half among those on the field, took a knock while Brown was stretched out.

Happity, the flanker recovered to work the scrum for the three minutes Brown was off the field twice before Dunkley felled Gill with an

Robertson was held at the goal-hue, and from a scrum there David Davidson picked up and scored. From the kick-off Edinscored. From the kick-off Edin-burgh inter-passed up the middle, Jim Calder was held at the goal-line, and passes from a ruck sent Gill striding joyously in for a

GIII Striding joyously in for a further try.

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Eastern Counties slip off the hook

By Peter Marson

Eastern Counties 6 Middlesex 3 Eastern Counties Schoolboys won a narrow victory by a goal, to a penalty goal, against Middlesex in penary goal, against matcheses in a vigorous, well-fought match on liford Wanderers' ground yester-day. This was the first of a series of games to be played during the Christmas holidays. Kent are Eastern Counties' opponents on Monday next, and Surrey on New Years' Day, Middlesst take on Year's Day, Middlesex take on Surrey and then Kent.

As the dark clouds hustled by overhead someone said that we were lucky that the rain had held were aucky that the rain had held off, and this was true, for the ground was already boggy in parts. But, perhaps, a lessening in the strength of the wind would have been greater appreciated, for its force directed tactics, and in the main restricted high to one half

ing time, and in this sphere Thomas and Middlesex suffered most. With the wind at his back in the first half, Thomas had given Middlesex the lead with a given Middlesex the lead with a simple penalty goal from in front of the posts when Counties had fallen off-side in the centre of the field following a ruck on their 25. It had been his only success from three attempts before holf-time. In the first minute of the second half Thomas's fallure to send the ball between the uprights from 15 yards our and in front of the posts may have allowed Counties to slip off the hook.

the book. Counties fielded a big XV, fore were lucky that the rain had held off, and this was true, for the ground was already boggy in parts. But, perhaps, a lessening in the strength of the wind would have been greater appreciated, for its force directed tactics, and in the main restricted play to one half of the field.

It gave the place kickers a sicken-

combination Middlesex seemed better organized and more in tune. Rafferty and Crame played well at half back, and Bryan, providing inspiration in the centre, must have been satisfied with the uncasting effort of a hard-working pack of forwards.

forwards.

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McCleland (St Nicholas GS); A. Cornish (Haberdashers' Aske's). Referee: P. J. Wakefield (London).

Rally by Kent comes too late to matter By A Special Correspondent

Kent 15 Surrey 30 Surrey dictated much of this game, particularly in the losss, but a late second half rally by the

but a late second half rally by the Kent pack made a closer contest of it, although by then they faced a lead too big to overhaul.

Surrey scored first. A penalty on the half way line was driven 30 yards through the Kent side by Bates; he passed to the centre, Hoolahan, who fed the ball back inside to Hydleman on the wing for a try converted by Prithard. for a try converted by Pritchard.

Minutes later a Surrey heel
against the head saw a superb
break by Thornton, who fed to
Hydleman for a switch pass to
Andrews who scored a try Thos Andrews, who scored a try. Then a Kenr kick about the defence capping. Good attacking by Thoroton again put Hoolahan away for a try. Pritchard conscored a try. The

verted.

At this stage the honours were equal in the scrummages and lineouts, but with Surrey faster and more superior in loose play. Kent's reply, late in coming, was a penalty goal by Bodenham on his second attempt, a Surrey player having moved at the first. Shortly after this Pritchard kicked a penalty, making the half time score three points to 19.

I mhe second half, Surrey continued to dominate the loose and from a Kent infringement at a more Pritchard kicked another includy. Poor Kent defence en-

more Pritchard kicked another and princhard kicked another albed the talented Thornton to score a try himself. Surrey began to play fast, open, controlled rugby.

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Where a good footballer must also be a good citizen and his manager somebody special

There is no team like the Glasgow Rangers

The heads of an elk and a bison glare at each other across the top of the marble stuircase in the Rangers' main stand at Ibrox Park. Glasgow. The stand was erected in 1928 and contains some of the finest examples of art deco sturviving in Scotland. One does not expect to find art deco at a football club, but the Rangers are not like any other football club. They are the particlars of Scottish foorball, with a tradition no other club can match; the club insists on a code of conduct from its members, on and off the field, that to other club could enforce. Every Sotterday, as the players take the field, they know they are representing the Protestant faith, the Masonic ideal; and enormous crowds come to watch them do it. Rangers are the visible symbol of a method of thought, a way of life, and they embody a concept of total authority.

"The Rangers manager, by image, was somebody apart from ordinary mortals—proud by mature, remote by character, respected by all, completely wrapped up in the image and good name of the club. A somewhat phostly figure who commanded from his eyrie at the top of the marble staircase." The words are those of Willie Waddell. He wrote them in the Scottish Delity Express in November, 1969, the day after the Rangers had dismissed. David White, the "boy David", who, Waddell wrote, was unfit to manage this Collath of a club. Six days later. Waddell was appointed in his place. He is the Rangers and verticed of the marble staircase in the Scottish David Park.

The heads of an elk and a bison glare at each other across the top of the marble staircase in the Rangers' main stand at Brox Park.

Roy off Celdic, the first trophy

In 1970 Rangers took the League Cup off Celeic, the first trophy they had won in four years, and in 1972 they won the European Cup Winners' Cup in Barcelona. Again Waddell chose a moment of victory to resign, handing over team affairs to fris coach. Jock Wallace, and assuming the title of general manager for himself. Within a year his foresight was rewarded, and he was given a seat on the board of directors when Matthew Taylor took over as chairman.

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professionals from 44 to 29. "I like to keep tight with numbers. You can give them more individual attention if there are fewer of them, you can attend to their characters as well as their football skill. I don't base my judgment of players purely on their performance on the field. They must be good citizens, good characters as well as good footballers. Before I buy a player I always make sure that he has the standard of conwen as good loomaners. Before I buy a player I always make sure that he has the standard of conduct that we expect. Some boys learn from their fathers; we have Eric Caldow's son here, and Ralph The mon Waddell most admires

is Bill Struth. He managed the Rangers from 1920 to 1954, the last eight years with half a leg ampurated. "When Struth spoke, your knees knocked. He was able to demand, from his players things that we cannot demand today. Players have lost their sense of Players have lost their sense of tradition, but we try as much as possible. They want managers who will train with them, talk about pon music with them." Waddell's distaste for this sort of activity is a clear motive behind his moving to general manager, where he can fine players who are seen with socks rolled down, or shirts outside shorts.

Netwardly the ruthless way that

Naturally the ruthless way that tradition is invoked has its result on the field. The Rangers playing tradition has always been based on another and involved the control of the control o strength and intimidation. Visiting teams find that the pegs in their dressing room are deliberately placed 6ft 6in off the ground, so they feel small before they even go out to brave the Rangers crowd. out to brave the Rangers crowd.
To stand in that crowd in this age
of catenaccio and total football is
to be transported back to Wolverhampton in the 1950s. Waddell
plays with three small orthodox
wingers. Tom McLean, Jim McKean, and Cutty Young, who hare

bers. and boot the bail over to the far idual post where a centre forward in the heroic mould, Derek Parlane, throw, himself about like a caber in an effort to poke it into the met. Each player in the team has a well-defined role. Unlike his friend Harry Carterick, Waddell does believe in the modern orthodoxy which states that every player should possess every skill. snould possess every skill.

One modern tendency that Waddell has not spurned is capitalizing on fringe activities that a club with a name like the Rangers can cash in on. Under Wades!, the Rangers empire has expanded, till it penerates imm more of the bissues are

empire has expanded, till it pene traces into most of the leisure act vities of the faithful. He founded the Rangers News, a weekly paper with a circulation nudging 40,000. The Rangers Social Club is the top billing in the West of Scotland for any entertainer. And the Rangers Pool is the largest club pool in the world, with a turnover of nearly £2m.

Rut the major goal has not been

But the major goal has not been achieved. In spite of all Waddell's efforts to make the past live again, the one element that eludes him is winning the championship, something that in former years Rangers assumed as their natural right. Celtic have won it for the last nine seasons, and although the Rangers' challenge is much closer this year, there is no real conviction about the way the team plays.

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there is no real conviction about the way the team plays.

Waddell believes that if the team continue to live and play according to the traditional virtues, success will follow, for "in that word tradition lies the secret and power of the Rangers". But the question remains—will victory, if it comes, be sweet enough to justify the years in which the tradition has been worshipped, but the Rangers have been second best?

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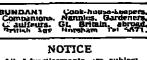
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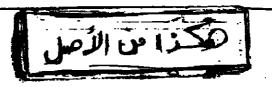
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Gold price rises to record \$195½ ahead of private American buying

Gold rose to record levels in the London bullion market yes-terday. It closed at \$1952, up \$3 from its last quote on Christ.

Although conditions were described by dealers as thin, there was still a surprising amount of business in view of the Christmas holiday period. Buying was encouraged by expectations that there will be a burst of speculative interest from January 1 when United

States citizens are allowed to own the metal. However, Senator William Proxmire, who is expected to be the next chairman of the Senate banking committee which handles gold legislation, also said yesterday that he will seek legislation in the next

Congress requiring the United States Treasury to sell 25 million ounces of gold during 1975.

Senator Proxmire described the present government plan to sell only two million ounces on January 6 as "far too feeble". It would not halt the specula-tive momentum which has al-

ready developed.

If Senator Proximire's proposals were accepted by Con-gress, the sale of 25 million ounces on the free market would have a significant effect on the price.

Annual world production of gold is between 35 and 40 million ounces. The Soviet Union has in recent years sold further

substantial amounts. Two of the largest United States commercial banks have said they will not initially take part in buying and selling gold. Spokesmen for the Bank of America and the First National City Bank of Spokesmen for the Bank of America and the First National City Bank referred to the costs

Kuwait reassures UK

on oil and investment

Rahman al-Atigi, Oil Minister, has announced that Kuwait will

never reduce oil production to

the point it hurts the United

States or Britain. These two countries "are the best and

most secure places for Kuwaiti investments", he said.

also that his government was

not in a burry to nationalize foreign oil company interests in

"Owning the companies is a

secondary issue now and sell-

ing our oil through participa-tion agreements is much better

declared.

and Britain.

nationalization ",

Kuwait owns 60 per cent

of foreign oil company opera-tions on its soil, which now

pump 2.6 million barrels of

crude a day. This will provide

an annual income estimated at around \$8,000m (about £3,478m)

The government has never given the amount of its sur-

plus revenue or where it is invested; but Mr al-Atiqi admirted that a substantial portion west to the United States

He said: "Switzerland im-

posed heavy taxes, in Germany and France it was too difficult

to invest money and in Japan

Texaco reports

North Sea find

'A significant discovery in

United Kingdom waters approxi-

mately 116-miles north-east of

Aberdeen, was announced

yesterday by Texaco in block

15/16. A test well flowed at a rate of 7,246 barrels a day, a

Higher levy: Venezuela has announced its intention to increase oil company taxes again

next month in line with a recent agreement by the Organization

Petroleum Exporting
Countries. An extra \$1 a barrel
has been mentioned.

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spokesman said.

In a news conference at his ome, Mr al-Atiqi indicated

Kuwait, Dec 27.-Mr About investments by foreigners were

deterring them from participa-tion in the market.

The Bank of America, the world's largest bank, also said that it would not make loans for the purchase of gold or accept gold as collateral for loans. However, both banks stressed that their decision not to deal in gold had only been taken for the time banks. the time being. In the long term they might be interested in acting as intermediaries in

the gold market.
Another bank, Manufacturers
Hanover, said that it had
"studied the matter and a number of proposals have been made to us, but at this point we are not inclined to participate in

any of them".
United States Treasury officials have long insisted that gold should be treated as a commodity like any other, and the government's decision to permit private ownership of the metal is in accordance with this in accordance with this

But the latest announcements suggest also that the authorities are determined to prevent a rush into gold in the new year and to keep the price fairly

In an interview in the latest issue of the International Currency Review, Dr Nicolaas Diederichs, the South African Minister of Finance, said that he did not foresee gold being officially revalued. The price of gold would rise, he said, but only in the free market.

When questioned on the attitude of the American government he said that, "the only real danger to buyers of gold is that the United States Treasury might decide to place more of their gold on the international market. My own per-sonal view is that it is probable associated with transactions in that they might do that, but on the metal, as well as the serious a very small scale—to dampen investment risks, as factors the market."

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vestment of surplus income abroad ", he said. "We shall not and must not

reduce oil production to a limit

where this reduction might harm the interests of these

Leading US economic indicators in

1.5pc drop
Washington, Dec 27.—
America's composite index of America's composite index of leading economic indicators declined by 1.5 per cent in November to 166.9 per cent of the 1967 average, the Commerce Department announced today. It was the fourth consecutive monthly decline in the index. Also, the October decline initially reported as 1.3 per cent was revised downward to 1.9 per cent.

per cent. Six of the eight available indicators for November declined while two improved. There were decreases in the average work week; initial claims for unemployment insur-ance; new orders for durables;

plant and equipment orders; in-dustrial materials prices, and building permits.

The ratio of price-to-unit labour costs and stock prices

showed increases.

Trade deficit: United States merchandise imports exceeded exports by a seasonally adjusted \$113m (nearly £49m) last month, the Commerce Department of the commerce of the c ment announced.
The November trade deficit

follows an unexpected surplus of \$29.4m in October and compared with a surplus of \$194.5m

year earlier. The deficit for the January-November period was \$2,430m compared with a surplus of \$768m for the corresponding

Imports of crude oil and petroleum products declined in November to 1853 million barwhich cost \$2,120m from 191.8 million barrels in October at a cost of \$2,180m.

Although the United States

had a trade deficit in November, the Commerce Department said, the November seasonally adjusted exports total of \$9,060m was a record, exceeding the previous high of \$8,660m set the month before.

The Commerce Department said the November trade figures, when calculated on the basis used by most other nations, showed a deficit of \$709m compared with October's \$544.7m deficit.—AP-Dow Jones.

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by Arabs

More ships

Leading of Middle East are showing increasing interest in acquiring both tanker and dry cargo tonnage. Yesterday Hyun-dai Shipbuilding and Heavy In-dustries, of South Korea, said it had received orders valued at \$80m (£34.7m) from Kuwait Shipping Co for construction of five general cargo ships each of 23,200 tons deadweight.

Mr al-Atiqi indicated that Knwait would continue to seek All five vessels are scheduled higher oil prices to compen-sate for inflation. "We can only ask for higher prices for our oil in order to adapt our resources to our needs". he for delivery by August, 1977. The latest package follows ten comracts placed by the same company with Hyundai last month in a deal worth \$156m. The ships involved have been designed by Govan Shipbuilders, which received seven similar The soaring prices of manu-factured goods had led to an increased Kuwaiti budget bewhich received seven similar orders from the Kuwait com-

pany soon after Govan was established, for delivery this cause the purchasing value of the dollar was about half of what it was two years ago.
Mr al-Atiqi said that Kuwait's vear and next. Meanwhile, another Kuwait shipping concern, Arab Mari-time Petroleum Transportation Co has asked the Oslo-based commitment to the Arab world and military expenditures had also contributed to the budget shipbroking firm of R. S. Platou increase. This was an apparent to arrange the purchase of seven supertankers for Arab oil-

demands hit reference to Kuwait's promise small agents to help finance the military needs of Egypt and Syria in seven supertankers for Arab di-producing countries. According to Platon's direc-tor, Mr Jan Quale, the Kuwait-based tanker company wants to buy three tankers with a further four destined for another unany new war against Israel. Returning to Kuwait invest-By Patricia Tisdadi ments, Mr al-Atiqi repeatedly stressed the safety factor of money invested in Britain and Many more small tour oper

Retailers fear slump after record seasonal sales

By David Young Retail groups are preparing for a marked fall in sales after their record Christmas and an unexpectedly buoyant start to

the winter sales. Most groups report sales at record levels during the Christmas rush, but already buying patterns are reflecting the economic climate.

The John Lewis Partner-ship, with branches through-out the country, has found that sales of "practical" goods have risen, while the purely hazury

items are slower to sell than in the past. Do-it-yourself equip-ment and dressmaking materials and fabrics have been among the top lines.

Fabrics were in good demand yesterday on the first day of the winter sale at Liberty's in Regent Street. Despite being one of the few stores in central London open—most had opened on Christmas Eve and were closed yesterday—business was

"exceptional".
Selfridge's sale also opened yesterday, with customers filling the store.

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How the markets moved

Rises 1p to 123p Beecham Grp 4p to 180p De Beers Defd Dunlop Hldgs

3p to 163p 2p to 34p Highids Low 1mp Chem Inds MIM Hidgs 4p to 134p

Falls Broken Hill

Bryant Hidgs Com Union 2p to 74p 2p to 22p Doncaster, D. Grootylei Janes, H. C.

On other pages

13p to 475p 10p to 350p 3p to 44p 5p to 62p

1p to 17p Lda Brick Co Lloyds Bank 1p to 97p 11p to 21p Raybeck 4p to 130p Royal 3p to 40p Sale Tilocy Taylor Woodrow 4p to 82p Western Areas 10p to 620p

Nash, J. F., Secs 6p to 27p

Pan Canadian

Philips Lamp

Savoy Hotel

Shell

Spillers

Warren, J.

22p to 542p

10p to 590p

1p to 127n

14p to 211p

5p to 105p

A '1p to 16p

Equities were inactive with business at a low level. Gilt-edged securities were quiet. Sterling jumped 135 points to 2,3420. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.5 per cent. Gold rose \$3 to a new all time high of \$195.50.

Commodities: Very few markets were open. in the London Bullion Market silver rose throughout the day in unison with gold. Spot was fixed at 203.90p in the morning—up 3.95p—and closed in the range of 205.00-209.00p a troy were Renter's index was at a new ounce. Reuter's index was at a new 1974 low, falfing 2.4 to 1,175.2 compared with 1,378.0 a year ago. SDR = 5 was 1.219190 on Friday while SDR = \hat{E} was 9.521690. Reports, page 19

Bank Base Rates Table:

Midland workers press Chrysler for urgent discussions on threat of three-day working

Shop stewards at Chrysler's Midland car plants are to press

for an urgent meeting with the management after reports from Scotland suggesting that all the group's car factories would be put on a three-day week next month. This could mean shorttime working for 15,000 out of a total labour force of 28,000. Three-day working throughout January has already been

announced for the bulk of the company's 7,000-strong Scot-Yesterday a Chrysler spokes-man said: "I cannot confirm or deay reports that our Coventry plants are going on to short-time when the men return from their extended Christmas break. But I suppose such a

move would not be unexpected as our Scottish and Midland plants depend upon each other for many of their components."

Workers at Linwood, Renfrewshire, and Ryton and Stoke, in the Coventry area are not due to return to work until January 6 because of a combi-nation of extra Christmas holi-days and official layoffs.

Shop stewards from all three

plants had arranged to meet the management two days after the restart to discuss produc-tion cutbacks already enforced. Last night, however, Coventry shop stewards said the matter was now much more urgent and they would press for a meet-

ing early next week. Production at Ryton is down from a peak of 3,500 cars a week to 2,500 and at Linwood, from 2,200 to 1,700 a week. Despite this stocks of unsold cars are piling up.

A Ryton shop steward said last night: "We believe the decision has already been made to put us all on a three-day week. The amouncement was made early in Scotland because they do not celebrate Christmas like we do.

agement wanted to get it over with before the new year. In our case, and apparently in line with a lot of other Midland companies, Chrysler has put off the evil day until after

that 700 white-coller workers are to be made redundant, we are now clearly workied about the jobs of the lads on the shop

Chrysler's Scottish cutback is

of four or even three-day working in some major car plants after the holidays, the outlook for the industry's sup-

pliers—there are 2,000 or so in a wide range of industrial sectors—is particularly grim. While the unions will un-doubtedly press the employers'

organizations and the Government for "work sharing" policies through short time rather than direct labour cuts, it is doubtful whether some of the leading

the leading components sup-

pliers can avoid redundancy

Essentially the difference between the situation now and

the three-day week arising from

the power crisis last year is

that firms were then trying to

announcements for long.

the most severe yet by f British year. But even at Ford there motor finallifactures. But there are signs that the most success-are growing fears in the industry that even larger lay-offs and redulidancies will follow down! the batches for a hard early next year. Vauxhall is generally thought

forcing the motor industry and its suppliers to make urgent cuts in production and many power. Car stocks are reported a. 25.5. per. cent. fall to 468,000 units compared with 1974. Chryster and Vaushull.

Fore has been helped by its industrial transfer which left. industrial troubles, which left it short of stocks throughout the

By Roger Vielvoye

Railways Board.

contracts.

British Rail could make savings of between 254 or and

£68m on the cost of providing new locomotives and rolling

stock if it was allowed to pur-

sue a long team busing policy, according to Mir Bioliard Marsh, the chairman of British

Twelve major meterial; suppliers to the railways were-asked when reductions in prince

would be given in return for five year supply contracts. In an article in the National Coal Board's publication, Coal

and: Evergy: Quarterly; Mar Marsh: said: the average: reduc-

tion offenediwas oven 5 per cent

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rest of the nationalized india-

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Mr Marsh says BR

could save £54m

year ahead. British Leyland is in a similar

Vauxhall is generally thought to be the most exposed after Chrysler, and, despite the injection of government from the immediaty of injection of government from the immediaty of the present recession by a shortage of avoiding lay offs are growing slimmer by the week.

Industry sources said last night that December sales of new cars will be 33 per cent down on December, 1972. The comparison is neede with December, 1972, because December, 1972, because December 1973, was at abnormally poor monds, overstedowed by the oil supply crisis.

Over 1974 as a whole, home:

British Leyland is in a similar position. It too has been protected from the immediaty of the impediaty of the present recession by a shortage of its Austin-Morris popular car range because of strikes.

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Over 1974 as a whole, homes ler wished to see included an sales will be 23 per cent down, easing of credit to stimulate, with new car registrations of 1,260,000 compared with nearly.

But it is the increasingly of the government's employed gloomy 1975 outlook which is ment, policy, according to

Chrysler, Erance's production 22 per cent down

hundred and one projects awaiting investment before

they can gen off the ground." Mr Marsh said the railways

were reaping the harvest sowi

by the refusal of successive

governments, to consider the

country's transport requirements for more than a short

ment plans the Railways Board had produced had remained

intact for more than six months

because of the conflict between the short term problems of government and the long term objectives of the Railways.

To make matters worse,

during the past decade the

industry's remit from the state

None of the five-year invest-

Leading article, page 8

Fisons' chief heads CBI overseas committee

Mr George Bucton, chairman of Fisons, has been appointed chairman of the Confederation of Brisish Industry's enlarger overseas committee, which wa formed by merging the forms overseas and overseas invest mear committees: Sir Derei Ezra, chairman of the Nationa Coel Board and Sir Jame Barker, chairman of Unigate are to be deputy chairmen. The committee is expected become involved in such issue

as the European Economic. Commentry's negotiating stance if the General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade talks. Occidental names Saud buyer of \$9m stake

Occidental Petrolcum Corpor, ation has confirmed that Michael Pharaon, an Atal businessman, had purchase abust one million, Occidenta common shares. The deal wadisclosed earlier this month, business and paged. the buyer was not named. A report from a Middle Ess publication said that M Pharaon, who heads the Saud Arabian Research and Davelop ment Co, had paid about 59n

(about 14m) for the stock: Yarrow chairman's pleas: Specialist warship builders Yarrow (Shipbuilders), one o the companies listed for nation almation, will press the Covers ment to preserve the company expertise. In a newsletter, Si Eric Yarrow, the chairman said he would stress the importance of the human element in the formulation of takeover plans. French bonds for Iran

Iran intends to buy \$80n (nearly £35m) worth of French government bonds, probably it

the form of a loan to the Brency Electricity Utility, an officia at the Prime Minister's office told Reuter in Raris.

Pan Am speculation

A spokesman for Par American World Airways sait he could neither confirm of deny a Brench press report that Iran was negotiating it buy a majority share in the financially troubled airline

German jobless hope West- German unemployment is expected to fall gradually dun

had been an over-simplified commercial one "and so we have suffered all the agonies of mass closures and consequent redundancies." Despite his glooms view of the present ing 1975, although the rate it likely to exceed: 2.5 per can even allowing for favourable de velopments in second half, of state of the industry; Mr Marsh is aprimistic about the future. Massir writes.

"It wands be unacceptable that need to conserve its even if Britain could afford the resources, the radway, could be 1975, Herr Josef Shings, beru: casir, which it cannot. It is an the beginning of a second increcusable when there are a railway age.

Efta deficit doubles. Total trade deficit of the sever

member countries of the Euro pean Free Trade Association almost doubled to abou \$20,000m: (about \$4,210m) in 1974 because of highen of prices. Efte sources reported, in Geneva: vesterday: Austria, with domestic resources of oil and coal, fared best, its trade balance worsening to the exten-of only \$458m.

A seat on the New York stout

Grim outlook for car component suppliers

By R. W. Shakespeare With many thousands of workers in the motor and com-ponents industries taking ex-tended holidays over the Christmas and new year period, most plants were at a standstill yesterday. Some will remain halted until well into January. Many have had three or four extra layoff down added to the control of the control o extra layoff days added to their

normal five-day break. The recession which over-took the motor manufacturers both at home and abroad in the weeks before Christmas shows no sign of easing and there are forecasts from many quarters that the worst is yet

So far most of the components firms have tried to meet the situation by announcements of short-time working and reduced production schedules. Plans for direct redundancies have mostly been confined to white-collar

achieve maximum productions within the permitted working time, while production levels now are having to be trimmed to match falling demand. Building societies morger cannot now go through'

A proposed merger of the Christchurch, Mr Rowland. Bournemouth & Christchurch Jones points out that the merges Building Society with the larger Portman Building Society cannot now go through, it was claimed today by Mr Jim Row-land-Jones a shareholder with

the smaller society. He said that he now had the support of 1,500 members who were against the merger. This meant that the Bournemouth & Christchurch board could not obtain the 75 per cent vote needed to approve the merger.

In a letter delivered to the directors of Bournemouth & Jones points out that the merger could not now be carried and "I consider it would be an irresponsible action of the chairman to try to delay the outcome of this issue." Directors of the Bournemouth

& Christchurch intend to attempt to adjourn until January 16 a meeting planmed for next Monday when the society's merger plan is due to be considered need time to make a proper-reply to a circular sent out by Mr Rowland-Jones.

Interest rates fall unlikely

Short-term interest rates in London are not expected to decline in the near future, according to the latest Williams and Gign's Mountily Review. Britain seems, therefore, to be moving against the trend of faffing interest rates abvoad. The review attributes this to the authorisies need to maintain a pattern of interest rates suf-

capital. It notes that the pound bas, been unsettled in foreign exchange markets by the record visible trade deficit and con-

a pattern of interest rates suf-ficiently attractive to prevent a large outflow of short-serms

The review says that European interest rates did not show a clear mendi im die month; in: mid-December, although the underlying conditions suggested a continuing downward move-

cecn over Arab investment \$75.600 seat on Walf St erchange has been sold for \$75,000 (about £32,000) or \$3,000 mure than the previous sale of November 26.

Travel bond Guarded optimism by air transport head From Alan McGregor

Geneva, Dec 27
In his year-end review of the state of the air transport industry, Mr Knut Hammarskjoeld,

ating firms are expected to drop out of the travel business because they cannot meet the Civil Aviation Authority's tougher bonding requirements director general of the Inter-national Air Transport Association, says the very fact that companies are managing to designed to protect customers in the event of financial failure. weather the global economic storm without a complete col-lapse shows their inherent The increases, which come into effect on April 1, mean that travel organizers have to resilience. He sees reasons for guarded set aside 10 or 15 per cent of their projected turnover (deoptimism in the year ahead and beyond. The immediate priority pending on whether or not they are members of the industry's with the airlines is no

stabilize.

trade association) to fulfil the Several companies had difficulty in finding the resources to cover the last increase which has applied since September. Although the new rates were forecast at that time there is expected to be a drop in the level of applicants because of this and also as a result of the expected fall in holiday traffic

next year.

The bonding system came under criticism after the collapse of the Court Line group. Although funds were adequate to repatriate stranded bolidaymakers they were not sufficient to reimburse clients who had not yet the palled. who had not yet travelled.

Meanwhile the larger and better established holiday organizers are reporting a high level of advance bookings for next year. Poor weather in Eritain this summer has encouraged many people to book their holi-days abroad next year, accord-

British Airways, which with Sovereign and Enterprise inclu-sive holidays is one of the larg-est in the field, says its research shows that holidays have taken over from cars as the top priority for family spending. In the week ending December 19 the number of inclusive holiday bookings through

British Airways was more than

50 per cent up on last year. Demand for bolidays is ex-

pected to decline less than for

other consumer items.

ing to one expert.

ted more realistic approaches towards regulation of the arrines, such as capacity agreements and prompt reaction to provide for fare increases.

Mr Hammarskjoeld says the quadrupling of oil prices and inflated costs have created a situation where fuel and wages now represent together about 😥 per cent of operating expenditures. Although the year saw the

"most drastic fare increases in the history of air transport "-up to 30 per cent on some routes most companies were expected expansion but consolidation, to show deficits. looking towards a more control-led growth when conditions

This was in conjunction with a sudden drop in the traditional growth pattern. IATA carriers' charter traffic was 13 per cent down and their scheduled passenger traffic rose by only 3 per cent during the year the per cent during the year, lowest growth ever experience Cargo traffic, he said was forecast to show only a 6 per

Japan Air Lines retaining Concorde option for year

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Japan Air Lines has decided to retain its option to buy the Concorde supersonic airliner for at least a further year.

The industry, he points out,

has already started its belt tightening. On the North Atlan-

ic route, for example, a 7 per

cent decrease in passenger traffic had been matched by a 9 per cent reduction in capacity.

Also, governments had adop-

JAL has reserved options on three of the 1,350 mph, Anglo-French aircraft. The airline said in Tokyo yesterday that it had recently signed a letter of agreement with the French partners in the project. French partners in the project, Aerospatiale to extend these options until the end of 1975. The original agreement with Aérospatiale and the British Aircraft Corporation was signed by JAL in September, 1965. Before the latest renewal,

TAL had extended its options to

noise, economics, range and

buy on eight occasions. JAL has been dissatisfied with Concorde with regard to payload; but Aérospatiale, in completing the latest extension of option, has undertaken to make new offers to meet at least some of these requirements by the spring

According to Japanese aero-space industry sources, the price of each Concorde has gone up by about 15 per cent due to in-flation. The last stated figure was £23m. This, coupled with the delayer

opening of a new internation

airport to serve Tekyo, could defer still further a final decision un whether JAL would bus supersonic transports. British Airways, with five, and Air France, with four, are the only two airlines so far to put in form orders for Concordes although Iran Air and the airline of the Republic of China have

both taken options

The Times Awards for the best advertisement of a company's results to appear in 1974.

The closing date (31st December) for the 1974 Award Scheme is now very close and we would like to remind those companies wishing to take part in the competition that they must submit their entries by 6th January at the latest.

No further entries will be accepted: after this date.

Entries should be sent to:-Michael Mander, Advertisement & Marketing Director, The Times Awards, The Times. New Printing House Square, London WCIX 8EZ.

Entries will be judged later in Farmary and awards will be presented by The Times at the conclusion of the



Nhere the family's money is going

tish householder to the er's cataciysmic economic sition is being closely monied by politicians and econ-

recent years, the trend been towards an increasing sportion of family outgoings ng spent on the less basic essities. Has this movement, politicians are asking, been ered by spiralling food and ergy costs? And, if so, to at extent?

The largest item in the fambudget has traditionally en food, which, according to Government's statistics, rupies just over a quarter of · average household's weekly penditure. The most expen-e clument in the total spent households weekly on food meat and, in particular,

Next to meat the largest m on the family food bill is fry products, such as eggs, lk, butter and cheese, lowed by fruit and vegeiles, and bread, biscuits and eals. Altogether, these four enories accounted for 56.24 t of the £8.79 which, it was culated in the Government's mily Expenditure Survey, s spent weekly by house-ids on food last year.

Families have found their n methods of coping with a sharp increases which have sen food prices to almost 20 r cent above last year's cls. Traditionally they op'y substitute, whenever saible, the closest cheaper

rk or chicken.

PERCENTAGE OF WEEKLY EXPENDITURE

| \ | £ weekly expenditure | Housing. | Fuel, light & power | Food | Drink | Clothes & shoes | Durable household goods | Transport | Tobacco | Services |
|--------------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------|----------|
| 1964-66 | £21.01 | 11.42 | 6.28 | 28.27 | 4.09 | 9.38 | 6.43 | 11.7 | 5.66 | 9.38 |
| 1971-73 | £35.14 | 13.00 | 5.78 | 25.01 | 4.70 | 8.94 | 7.29 | 13.83 | 3.93 | . 9.85 |

excluding mortgages : see text Source: Family Expenditure Survey

The effectiveness of such first quarter of this year when reductions in overtime pay-after the introduction of the time.

ments and by three-day work-subsidy.

New

The lent for 1973 against a general rise in food prices of nearly 19 per cent. There was a distinct shift in purchases away from some of the more expensive types of food to cheaper foods. There are, however, some products such as bread for which there is no real substi-

November were running at more than 35 per cent above last year's level Government subsidies other areas, particularly this is particularly notice-ic, as any butcher will tes-consumption up. In April, for

ices exceed what is consid-ulted to be a reasonable level, pint and average consumption usewives more to mutton, rose from 4.63 pints in the previous quarter to 4.75 pints.

Cheese, where consumption economies is noticeably ref- had dropped to 3.540z per per-lected in the statistics for the son per week in the farst quarter of the year, rose to incomes were pinched by 3.85oz an the second quarter

Price is not the only factor The figures show that influencing food consumption. The steadily increasing number this period rose by only about 12 per cent above the equivalence of convenience boost purchases of convenience

> Consumption of canned fruit, frozen fish and canned soups, for example, continued to rise, even during the dark months at the beginning of this year. Food marketers are used to dealing with variables such as these and plan accordingly. What they are not accustomed to having to take into consideration is the effect of shortages are consumer huming patterns. on consumer buying patterns.

This year near havoc has ean created in several pro-uct fields, notably toiler paper, sugar, bread and salt by much - publicized scarcities either real or imagined. Housewives understandably

reacted by smcking up their to the motor manufacturers, larders and deep freezers. This which is likely to be most im-

Nevertheless, the long-term trend for food purchases to give way to other items as a proportion of family expenditure seems likely to continue. Prices are still the biggest single factor and, overall, these have risen no more steeply this year than in 1973.

Less predictable is the effect of energy price increases. Next to food, one of the biggest items on the household budget is transport, which occupies nearly 14 per cent of expenditure against about 12 per cent nine years carlier.

Until this year, the tendency has been towards greater use of transport, particularly of private cars. Since 1970 the percentage of two-car house-holds has gone up from 6.2 per cent to 8.0 per cent in 1973 (against 53.9 per cent owning one car).

It is this market, according

vehicles. In the home, fuel, light and

power price increases are cer-ten to have been a larger element in budgets this year than hast. The tendency over the past nine years has been for a marginal reduction in the probe reversed.

It remains to be seen Although several months will whether the spread to full or elapse before final results are partial central heating contiques. This is said to make more economical use of energy than spot heating but requires a heavy initial capital outlay.

Up until last year central heating was one of the fastest growing acquisitions by householders. In 1970 29.6 per cent of households had full or par-tial central heating; by 1973 the proportion had increased

to 38.5 per cent.
In housing, which next to food is the biggest single item

pendent banking force. The number of banks has to be

has disrupted supply calculations already finely balanced
by rapid cost increases. The
full extent of this disruption
will not be known for some

mediately hit by rises in petrol.

and purchase price. At the parties of this year has largely
same time many one-car housebeen one of settling down
holds, they say, are turning to
smaller, more economical cars
of the previous two years when
when replacing their existing when replacing their existing both mortgage interest rates and house values rocketed.

Between 1934 and 1973 rent and rates outgoings went up by almost 94 per cent. But expenditure on mortages, as calculated by the Family Expenditure Survey, went up marginal reduction in the pro-portion of outgoings spent on 10.91 per week to 11.91 per heating and lighting. But it week talthough these partly seems inevitable that this will reflect the rise in home owner-

> available, it seems clear that the same sort of substitution of priorities, which is custom-ary within the food field, has spread to other areas during the year. Not only have fewer cars been bought, but holiday operators and refrigerator and colour television manufacturers are also complaining of dropping sales, as necessities once again become dominant

> > Patricia l'isdall

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Hanson Trust pledges 'vigorous' defence on claim by United Artists

largest cinema chain in the United States is going to court to block what it sees as an attempt to gain comrol of the company by Hanson Trust, Mr James Hanson, chairman of Hanson says he is astonished by the move. He promises that the group will vigorously contest the issue if it ever reaches the courts. UATC is claiming S10m damages and sceks to restrain Hanson from buying any more shares.

UATC claims that Hansonwhich holds 28 per cent of the equity-has made what amounts to a tender offer, and violated the Securities Exchange Act by its purchasing activities. All this is denied by Hanson direc-

In its first reaction to news in about 45 per cent of the that United Artists Theatre equity is claimed by the UATC Circuit—which runs the second board.

In a potted history of events leading to the present situa-tion, Mr Hanson says that his group paid £1.9m cash for its 21.5 per cent stake in UATC (428,000 shares) in September as an investment, and filed a statement with the Securities & Exchange Commission than it had no present intention of acquiring control. Friendly talks between the boards had been held with no conclusion being reached.

Since then, a block- of 124,000 shares had been offered to Hanson. These were refused at UATC's request, although UATC itself bought them subsequently. Finally tors who are advised by their New York attorneys that there is no substance in the claim and that no damage has been caused to UATC. An interest

Denain's bid for Firminy suspended after EEC ruling

The controversial Denain Nordest Longwy bid for Marine-Firminy shares has been sus-

Earlier the EEC decided to forbid Denain and the De Wenforbid Denain and the De Wendel Group from acquiring Marine-Firminy shares follows an approach to the authorities by the Empain Schneider Group, also involved in the affair.

Schneider asked the European Coal & Steel Community authorities to restore its liberty of discognition of its 32 per cent

of disposal of its 32 per cent stake in Marine, following

However, Denain is maintaining the terms of its bid, which will go ahead once necessary official authorization has been obtained. Meantime, during the suspen

sion of the bid, Marine share-holders who have already offered shares for exchange will not be bound by their earlier decision. Before the EEC prohibition,

De Wendel had acquired about 20 per ceut of Marine shares in opposition to the Denain bid.

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ven though many people now avel abroad extensively, for siness and pleasure, many surance policies restrict the over to Britain—or give only ther limited cover elsewhere. For example, take personal ability insurance, which is stended to meet a claim made tainst one for accidentally ijuring somebody else or amaging his property.

This insurance does not, of

integ abbit in connexion with elicy gives the necessary over: Nor does it apply in espect of a business or profeson, or ownership or occupa-on or property and so on, uce here, too, specimic inirance can be arranged.

Usually, the most convenient rrangement is for personal ability insurance to be included ith a householder's policy; it lay be "free" or not cost lore than about 50p.

But sometimes the insurance quite plainly restricted to this ountry. If cover is needed broad, either it will have to be btained separately or it may be ossible to extend the policy Because so many policies pply only in this country, an ncreasing number of "packtravel policies (whether ne is travelling on business or leasure) include personal

iability cover. There are, however, some olicies still in force which give over first in Britain and coording "elsewhere in the vorld". Here, however, the usurance is "subject to the of liability xclusion for lamages where the action is rought in a court outside

ireat Britain. . . . This does not necessarily nean that, if you are responible for an accident while broad, and the claimant wants o take you to court, you will not be able to recover from

our insurers. Much depends on the attitude f the claimant. For instance, he claim may be settled by regotiation (with or without awyers being involved), withut court action; the specific exclusion would then not apply. If you have assets in the oreign country in question such as a villa in the South of rance), the claimant might well ake you to court, in which went there would be no cover. If you do not have assets in he foreign country, insurers eel that there would be little joint in the claimant suing you n a court in that country unless Britain and the country in ques ion have an agreement by which, under the Foreign Judgment (Reciprocal Enforcement) Act 1933, a judgment can be ransferred to an English court f such a transfer takes place, you would then be protected. Fortunately, that is by no picaus a standard wording. ome personal liability insurances give worldwide cover, or exclude only the United States

dearer than elsewhere. With personal liability insurance, as with any other policy, it is for the policy holder to be on the look out and to read and understand the policy. It is always wrong to assume that something is covered by a policy. The only way to make sure is to look it through carefully at the outset and try to spot the loopholes.

and Canada—on the ground that a judgment there is likely to be

John Drummond

The tables showing unit trust performance normally published on this page have been held over.

A year of setbacks, surprises and change The year began in gloom. Mr Healey introduces his first gives a sense of security to There was still the after-taste 1974 Budget. It hits hard with know that these orders have of the first, as it turned out to a gifts tax made operational gone out. It is also reassuring be, casualties in the secondary immediately, notwithstanding to know that the three biggest banking area: there was a that no details will be property bond groups have

Index had recorded a drop of 32 per cent in 1973. Little did we realize that worse, much worse, was yet to come. . . .

January

Cornhill Consolidated, the investment banking group, runs into trouble and its Bastion Insurance subsidiary is ordered to restrict its business and is subsequently sold. The unit as it means to go on with net sales of £3.9m, the worst since September, 1971. At the same £1,000. time the Department of Trade being eroded so quickly.

this is to prove very short-lived—and employers get the official go-ahead for registering their occupational pension schemes with the Occupational Pensions Board. This, alas, turns out to be a waste of time. M & G's new one-year guaranteed income bond with 11 per cent return goes 'like a bomb "—a phrase one could use more easily then

February More trouble for insurance

subsidiaries. After the temporary suspension of the J. Vavasseur share price, ir announced that its life subsidiary—faced assurance with income bond surrendersis to be sold. The purchaser turns out to be the Pru', so everyone is happy. Jessel Securities also spends some time and money on its in-surance offshoot, London In-demnity and General, by pumping £12m into it because of more income bond surrenders. It also promises the company another £6m any time it is necessary; with hindsight this is the writing on the wall. Elsewhere the new City Friendly Society launches one of the most attractive investment schemes yet. It uses the long-established concessions of sickness friendly societies to provide an investment with tax-free benefits from a taxfree fund. It has a short life years. expectation. Building society Alth funds dwindle and talks start building with the Bank of England about the possibility of attracting institutional funds into societies.

March

Within three weeks of the ordered to place their assets snap election, the Chancellor, under trustees. Nonetheless, it them to become a third, inde-

ing at a seasonally low level

during the week—yesterday's marks of 1,143 being probably

there was no meaningful trend.

What reaction there was was

largely concerned with company

announcements, either on trad-

The FT index duly drifted down from 163.5 to 159.6 in the

After a period during which

prices generally have been ris-

ing and prices on the Stock Ex-

change have been falling the

importance which some share-

holders have always attached to

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ing or on Middle East ties.

two and a half trading days.

the lowest since the last war-

Investors week

banking area: there was a that no details will be three-day working week; and announced for months. Income the FT Industrial Ordinary bonds, as predicted, are shorn bonds, as predicted, are shorn will rescu of most of their attractions. in distress. City Friendly Society's new scheme is axed retrospectively.

Tax relief on interest is stopped, including mortgage interest relief on loans over 525,000. Stamp duty is increased and rules relating to foreign income are made harsh. Basic rate tax is increased to 33 per cent, higher rate tax becomes payable at £4,500, children's incomes are to be aggregated once again the threshold for the invest-

ing to £15.1m and housing a poor reception. On the bright side, building starts are nearly 50 per cent society net receipts recover— down on the year. down on the year.

April

Building society wees dominate the headlines. The March ner outflow of funds turns out to be £21m. To evert an increase the societies decide to accept a £100m loan from the Govern-

property bond groups have publicly announced that they will rescue smaller brethren

June

The first big shadows begin to fall. The negotiations by Alexander Howden for Nation Life Assurance run into difficulties over a difference in property valuations. We have not heard the last of this. . . . The unit trust industry takes

stab at North America with from Slater Walker and one ment income surcharge to from Barclays Unicorn. The f1.000. time the Department of Trade
Issues timely warnings about society front too: it is found the dangers of withdrawal plans when capital values are net outflow of fands amount
Bad news on the building dustry, however, seems to be in deposit and fixed interest bonds. The Government's new net outflow of fands amount
9.5 per cent Savings Bond gets

> in the mortgage interest rate, ment Act, 1973, will enable to be mounted.

July

The storm breaks with announcement that Nation Life is to go into liquidation. But at this stage there are hopes that the new system under the Insurance Companies Amendsome form of rescue operation

A survey by Margaret Stone of financial events during 1974.

creasing the mortgage interest

rate. But again they hold back in the national interest. House

reduced from 72 to 15 and the pany failures, or near failures, prompts the Government into announcing a compulsory rescue fund for the insurance infirst merger follows within weeks. Again, after the Page Report, the Government announces that it intends to dustry. The cost is to be no more than 1 per cent of annual premium income. introduce two modest indexlinked schemes in early 1975. One will replace Save As You It is not welcomed by the industry. Nor is it to be made retrospective to cover policyholders in Nation Life who Earn and the other is designed for pensioners.

Electioneering is in the air again and the Liberals promise

index-linked mortgages and Mrs Thatcher, for the Conser-vatives, promises a 9.5 per cent mortgage rate by Christmas. Labour threaters to reduce the next two years—to the dismortgage loan interest relief to may of the 40,000 voluntary basic rate tax only.

The state of the marker is beginning to send bigger the first office to introduce index. Index. shivers down the backs of investors and industrialists alike.

Many large companies, including ICI, BP, Tate & Lyle and the Vavasseur First Investors National Westminster Bank have now injected cash into trust group for £670,000. company pension funds Investment Triumph Trusz puts the National Group of unit trusts up for sale, while the Department of Trade issues new rules that unit trusts must not put more than 5 per cent of their assets with

any one bank. But the conver-

sion of the four investment

trust companies in which the Ellerman family have a big

Mrs Castle introduces her

Catel, an associate company

November

financial services and

At long last there is news for Nation Life policyholders, but it is in no way encouraging. It appears that several matters have to be resolved by the courts before any settlement is likely and the whole affair could take years. A shy rescue consortium is still waiting in the wings, however.

The Jessel Britannia unit

trusts are sold to Slater Walker for £1.58m. brighter house finance front. Commitments by socie ties were nearly an all-time re-cord £370m in October. But the housing market is still inactive above the £15-£18,000 price

December

Jessel Securities sells another subsidiary, Life and Equity White Paper Better Pensions an earnings-related Assurance, second-tier pension in addition to the basic state pension. There is complete equality for women in the second tier, but private pension plans are worried about having to produce an inflation-proof element to their pensions if they contract out of the state scheme. surrender values. the position regarding qualify-

of life assurance tax relief on premiums after an early surrender of a policy. The big surprise, however, is that pen-sion funds will be allowed to reclaim tax paid on building society investments—a good long-term boost for the movement.

A cheerful foomote to the year is the Government's deciand General Insurance needs sion to unfreeze commercial rents. It will ease the minds of life offices and pension funds, stops writing business. A res- not to mention property bond cue operation is mounted for companies whose funds have LIGI by 30 life offices, but dropped by more than 30 per cent over the year. The FT fare Insurance, which also has index which began the year at income bond problems. This 344.0 finished it at around 160, time it is London and Man a fall of 54 per cent.

HAWKINS DEVS

Assurance for an undisclosed sum. Scottish Life axes its terminal bonuses as from the beginning of 1975 and Scottish Widows savagely reduces its The Finance Bill clarifies

policies, and the clawback

Ingersoll-Rand sees fresh peak The American Ingersoll-Rand

group expects sales, profits and earnings per share in 1974 to exceed the previous records established in 1973 when net earnings rose from \$70.8m to \$82.1m, or from \$4.16 to \$4.91 a share. The results however were before an extraordinary charge of \$10.7m after tax, from flood damage to some plant locations. Despite a change in inven-

tory accounting to be adopted in the fourth quarter, the board's present estimate is that index-linked premiums, but 1974 sales volume should be \$1,400m and that earnings per share should exceed \$5.5 after the accounting change. Mean-while it is estimated that the net impact of this change will be about \$0.45 a share. During the year it concluded

share exchange deal with Schlage Lock Co worth about \$85m. Schlage sales in 1973 were \$75m, and net profits of slightly over \$5m are indicated.

Selling move by Samuel **Properties**

Stating that at the present reduce short-term borrowings to a minimum level, Viscoum Bearsted, chairman of Samuel Properties, adds that as a result the group has decided to sell some of its low-yielding investment and trading properties. The group, he went on, would not embark, at least in the prevailing climate, on any future developments unless

they are pre-funded.

Earlier this month the gross announced a C42m funding operation for its major developments. Its annual report shows that year-end net assets were down from 107p to 81p a share. This largely reflected the revaluation of its United Kingdom investment propertics at £32.1m, some £7.3m below book value.

Total net borrowings last year were up from £25m to 33.9m. shareholders' funds were down from £29.6m to £22.5m—while net bank loan finance rose from £3m to STROUD RILEY DRUMMOND

Briefly

Six months' turnover £4.48m £3.62m) but pre-tax loss £19,000 (£51,000 profit). Dividend passed, last paid being in 1963. Proposals for sale of northern company expected "very shortly".

ML ALKAN Profit after tax £107,000 (£51,000) for year to September 30. Earnings 3.52p (1.54p) with total dividend held at 2.05p net.

JAMES HARRISON
Including sale of development
land pre-tax profit -5293,000
(£98,000) in half to June 30.
Earnings 2.33p (1.01p) a share. No
interim to conserve cash, but total forecast at 2.15p (1.91p), maxi-FORMINSTER
Interim taxable profits £292,000
(£217,000) with earnings 6.36p
(5.39p) and dividend 2.34p (1.75p).

SOBRANIE Interim taxable profit £64.000 (£104,000). Earnings excluding extraordinary item 0.96p (1.74p) a share. Laundry division hit by

higher wages and fuel costs and tobacco business by higher interest. CENTREWAY SECURITIES In six months to September 30 taxable profits £317,000 (£253,000). Board forecasts pre-tax for full

year "much higher" than previous term's £520,000. BEECHWOOD CONSTRUCTION In half to September 30 pre-tax £175,000 (£161,000) from turnover £1.8m (£1.6m).

AILSA INV TRUST Cross income for half year, £232,000 (£213,000), pre-tax revenue, £199,000 (£183,500). Net

Turnover for half year, £3.4m (£3m). Taxable profit £159.000 £218,000). Earnings a share, 2.76p (3.15p). Interim is up from 1.25p to 1.3p. GEORGE SALTER

Profit for first six months. £90,000 (£100,000) after tax. on turnover of £4.5m (£3.8m). Earnings a share are 36.2p (39.9p). TRANS-OCEANIC TST For year to October 31 tavable revenue £624.000 (£526,000). Earn-

ings 3.64p (3.12p) a share with net asset value pre-conversion 89p (177p). BRIT CINE THEATRES Turnover for six months, £910,000 (£682,000), and taxable profits, £76,000 (550,000).

DWA PLANTATIONS Turnover for nine months, £343,500 (£232,000 for year). Pre-tax profits, £165,000 (£34,500). ARTHUR LEE & SONS Final dividend for year to September 30, reduced from 1.05p to

1.034p at Treasury request. GEORGE STURLA Nominee Assurance (Hidgs) has bought 2.7m shares (64 per cent) in company at agreed price of 4.5p a share from Realgrove. Offer is

unconditional. RADIANT METAL Interim profit £61,000 (£57,000) pre-tax from turnover of 5208,000 (£153,000).

RELIANCE GROUP Inducon subsidiary has acquired 80 per cent of Fuel Economy Consultants, London, for undisclosed sum.

CENTRAL & SHEERWOOD TST Investment banking subsidiary, Sheerwood Trust, has acquired 322,815 shares (45.5 per cent) of M. H. Marine, making total holding 91.25 per cent- Offer for remainasset value a share, 52p (116.4p). 91.25 per cent Offer Dividend up from 2p to 2.1p gross. ing shares proposed.

Tea promotion body may be set up

tion of tea on a world wide basis was the main conclusion of the symposium on International Tea Market Expansion held in London which finished recently. This, it was suggested, could be called the International Tea Promotion Council.

not only the wide differences in consumption levels in individual countries, but also the variety of forms in which tea

in certain areas could be effec-

true in every case. For generic promotion to succeed in increasing world consumption, it should be carried out selectively, in markets where there were no constraints on the consumption and promotion of real A news release from the Com-

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monwealth Secretariat added that a great deal of research was needed to match the product to the market. To finance this research it was suggested that an approach could be made to international - financing agencies.

It is expected that these pro posals will be considered by government representatives at the next session of the Food and Agriculture Organization Intergovernmental Group on Tea in Rome in the first half of next

The building societies, which stake into unit trusts boosts have agreed to take the full the unit trust industry's net 5500m loan from the Government, are on the brink of in-

ment with the facility to take up another £400m over the following four months.

The unit trust industry is not having too bot a time, either. Unit trust values drop below the £2,000m mark, Rut one good item of news is that the Labour Government has resuscitated the important Consumer Credit Bill, a victim of the previous month's election.

May

It is all change once again on the pensions front. After giv-ing the impression in the Queen's Speech that the Con-servatives' State Reserve Pension scheme would be allowed to continue, it is learnt that Labour will be introducing a new pensions policy later in the year. Help! It is the third change of direction in five

Although funds are reviving, building societies all begin to introduce term shares with investment rates between 1 and 13 per cent above the going 71 per cent rate. The Government refuses to

identify the 49 insurance com-

With the stock market operat- the "perks" which their stake ment policy had proved disas-

cases to make economic sense.

There are still shareholders

who regularly take lengthy train

journeys to London to attend

their companies' annual general

meetings and who admit that they are there principally to

enjoy the beanfeast afterwards.

more canny, there was nothing

much to recommend the wisdom

of one elderly West Riding

couple I once met at the Wil-

kinson Warburton annual meeting, who invested only in local

companies in order to be able

location as a guide to invest- place.

to participate at minimum ex-

And, although apparently

could command begin in a few trous.

prices, meantime, are falling.
The latest figures indicate a 2 per cent drop during this quarter in new house prices. August The old adage about going

away in Angust seems to be singularly irrelevant at the moment. Everything is happening. There is a Green Paper on wealth tax, starting at £100,000 and a White Paper on the capital transfer tax-a lifetime tax to replace estate duty-which proposes to eliminate, among many other things, the advantages of holding agricultural land. These values now start to fall, following commercial property

ings and gives the go-ahead for

Moral: never invest for the

perks. The cigarettes are now in short supply at the tobacco majors; Spillers and Fitch Lovell have abandoned their food parcels, and there is no

certainty that the discount vouchers which Grand Metro-

politan has sent out with its annual report for the past couple of years will be repeated

in any case, only just worth

having. It offered a maximum

saving of perhaps £2 on a meal

for two once a year in a Berni

pense in any goodies going for two once a year in a Berni They were obliged to admit that Inn or Chef and Brewer eating

In money terms this one was,.

of Jessel Securities, negotiates to buy the Jessel Britannia unit trust group. The Pru'revamos Vavasseur Life into Vanbrugh Life.

Jessel Securities runs into difficulties. Its London Indemnity The Trustee Savings Banks find their dreams come true. The Government agrees to last year's recommendations by the Page Report on National Sav-

October

September

with

that extra £6m of cash to meet income bond surrenders and rumours now start about Wel-

which that small saving repre-

How much are shareholders' perks worth?

The increase in the dividend reckons to gain on marginal use

of capacity.

sented could be offset by the The 200 shares which impact of high Stock Exchange European Ferries requires commission rates on a very small shareholders to hold before buying order. February 1 to qualify for its 50 In contrast, the discount card per cent discount of car and which Sketchley offers to its passengers from Dover to Calais shareholders is distinctly worth or Zeebrugge (or there is a 40 having—assuming that you nor-mally send your clothes away per cent discount on the passage from Southampton to Le Havre) to be dry cleaned. will at the present 26p cost £52.

These days you can pick up The return depends upon the the 50-share qualifying stake for type of car and the number of £15 so that the average family, can save around £10 a year. passengers, but the average family in the average saloon save themselves £15, Increased use of the discount which makes this concession increases the return on your investment-and minimizes the very attractive. cost to Sketchley of the concession: in fact, the group

A central body for the promo-

A review of the potentialities of world tea markets revealed the

could enter the market. While competitive promotion

tive in increasing total consumption, this was not necessarily

Burmah deal Stock markets

the foreign exchange markets yesterday, but its rise was attributed to purely technical factors. The United States November trade deficit of \$113m depressed the currency throughout Europe and sterling participated in a general advance.

The pound climbed to \$2.3420 from Christmas eve's \$2.3285, up 135 points on the day.

Gold rose to an all-time high of \$195\frac{1}{2}, up \$3 on the day.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Competition and lower margins it. Competition at Bell & Sime

The latest timber group to record a decline in profits is Bell & Sime, the Dundee-based company. Sales for the first stall are down from £1.76m to £1.67m, while taxable profits have slumped from £162,000 to £52,000. On net profits down from £81,000 to £27,000, the dividend is being held at £1.87m from £81,000 to £27,000, the dividend is being held at 0.87p net, giving a rise from 1.25p to other overseas territories.

The board say the group's profit margins were lower than would normally be the case on the scale of turnover. This is explained partly by the effect of the Government's Counterinflation Regulations, which require a margin lower than that enjoyed last year, and partly by the intense competition for orders which has tion for orders which has existed in the past few months.

There is little sign of an immediate improvement in the general level of activity in the building industry, but the group expects to be reasonably busy in the early part of 1975. Stock levels have been restricted, and the group is well placed to take full advantage of any favourable trends when making future purchases.

or Firm Dim outlook er Eff, at Brigray

After a weak start at Brigray Group, Mr H. Pilkington, the chairman gives a warning that trade generally is extremely difficult and a depressing outlook prevails. There is no interim dividend, against 0.2p gross last year, because taxable profits have fallen from £60,000 to £20,000 on sales down

trom £1.1m to £1.07m. The board of this London-based maker of outerwear and jersey fabrics is unable to fore-cast any definite trading pat-tern and considers it prudent to

conserve resources. The present figures take no account of terminal losses which will follow the closure of the Luton factory.

BOC Re-shapes

Loraine

Under an internal reorganization the majority of British Oxygen's activities in the United Kingdom and Continental

Warning by

carcity continues, unit costs vill rise, making appreciable onnages of low grade or now

ocluded in reserves unpayable.

By contrast, Mr R. A. Lee, hairman of Tweefontein United 'ollieries, a Lonrho subsidiary, ounts on a further increase in

oal output this year even hough costs are rising. But his gain will be small against

he expected fall in profits from Coronation Syndicate wherein Cweefontein holds a controlling nterest. A smaller dividend seems likely and a declaration if around 40 to 50 cents in April next year is indicated. Coronation Syndicate itself

will be hit this year to next September by lower copper prices but the mines do not suffer the problems of South

African gold mines. The entire

labour force is permanently

Prudential Assurance Co said riudennal Assurance Co said t now beneficially owns 8.735m ridinary shares of Keyser !llmann Holdings, representing 7.1 per cent of the issued share

On July 10, the Prudential reneficially owned 8.67m shares

Tarmac secures \$17.5m

A syndicate of four banks from three countries has agreed to lend Tarmac Limited \$17.5m

The banks involved in the banks connections with larmac, are: The Orion Banking Group which has syndicated the facility, International Westwinster Limited, Dresdner Bank AG and Bankers Trust Company.

medium-term loan

on a seven-year facility.

16.94 per cent).

Prudential now owns 17 pc of Keyser Üllmann Europe will be drawn together under a single control and constitute a separate company known as BOC Ltd.

After the change British
Oxygen Company Ltd becomes
the holding company of BOC
Ltd and of all trading companlies in the United Vinctory

Edward Wood offer

Writing as secretary to D. F. Lyons, the Leeds-based invest-ment bankers, from which he recently resigned as a director, Mr D. F. Lyons tells share-holders that the company "has been damaged irreparably, in the opinion of directors". The board and their families con-trol more than 90 percent of the issued capital the issued capital.

As a preliminary to making an offer to exchange holdings in D. F. Lyons for a stake in Edward Wood, Manchester engineers, the Wood board has acquired all the Lyons subsidiaries. Mr Lyons will remain executive chairman of Edward

The Lyons board is strongly recommending the offer as the only way of resolving the unsatisfactory minority position.

Nova over the worst

Reporting a modest £4,000 increase in pre-tax profits to £53,000 over the six months to September 30, Nova (Jersey) Knit say conditions in the double jersey industry continue to be difficult. But as a result of the "new concept" in fabrics produced by retooling it is felt the company has now "bot-tomed out". But again the dividend is omitted.

The retooking has meant a provision for extraordinary obsolescence of £234,000 bringing about a loss after tax of £208,000.

Guthrie Corp

In order to bring the interim and final payments into line, the board of Guthrie Corporation is increasing its interim £130,000 to £144,000 fdividend from 6p to 9p, and half, while the divider expects to pay at least the from 0.44p to 0.45p.

with BASF 19.29p gross total paid last year. The board also intends to offer shareholders the option of taking shares instead of cash. in Albatros

The interim report will be sent out on January 22.

Chile paying ITT £54m

International Telephone and Telegraph said it has reached a settlement with the Chilean Government by which it will receive \$125.2m (about £54m) for its 70 per cent share of the nationalized Chile Telephone. ITT also said it would invest \$25m in a research facility which would be a joint venture with the Covernment of Chile.

with the Government of Chile. Wilson Bros

Greetings cards' group Wilson Brothers show a slight advance in taxable profits from £409,000 to £412,000 for the half to September 29, but a loss on property development of £112,000 (in relation to Holness Properties) against a profit of f25,000. Earnings per share in turn were almost halved from 2.1p to 1.2p. There is no interim dividend, against 0.69p.

A. B. Engineering

After-effects of the indus-tried disturbances experienced last winter have depressed the results of Associated British Engineering. Over the whole of last year group pre-tax profits were halved to £75,000 on sales up from £2.5m to £2.6m, but the first half shows a steeper fall, with attributable profits dwindling from £23,000 to

£9,000. Profitability has since improved, but liquid resources are still under great pressure so the group is not paying any

Troydale Industries

Turnover at Troydale Industries is down from £3.56m to £3.62m, although the board says that the years are not directly comparable because of the dis-posal of Bower, Roebuck and the losure of the garage business. Pre-tax profits are ahead from £130,000 to £144,000 for the first half, while the dividend is ahead

Wall Street

New York, Dec 27.—Wall Street stock prices were slightly lower in light trading at mid-session. Analysts attributed the decline to tax selling and lack of interest. At noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 1.56 down at 603.18. Reports at the opening that leading indicators fell 1.5 per cent in November, following a downward-adjusted October decline of 1.9 per cent, and that the US trade deficit was 5113m, compared with a \$29.4m surplus in October, had already been discounted, analysts **Gold Mines** A warning comes from Mr W. F. Thomas, chairman of Loraine Gold Mines, in his 1973-4 annual report. The mine is unning at only 80 per cent of he underground black complef work are unlikely to show mmediate results in a better upply of labour. If the labour

aiready been discounted, analysis

New York, Dec 26.—Apparently spurred by growing investor optimism that the United States Government will soon mount a fresh attack on economic and energy problems, the stock mar-ket closed higher in quiet trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 6.34 points to finish at 604.74, following a 8.76 point advance on Triesday. Gains outnumbered losses by about 840 to 500

Volume rose to 11,810,000 shares from 9,540,000 shares in Tuesday's shortened session but was well under Monday's was well 18,040,000 share

Stocks got off to a good start and there were strong gains in the early session, but some failed to hold and were partly erased

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Silver slips after bright start

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O Denianda deposits. £10,000 and over. * 7-day deposits in excess of \$10,000 up to \$25,000 10°4°.

A message from Kassel gives news that the BASF AG sub-sidiary, Wintersholl AG, has bought the 13 per cent holding of Burmah Oil Co in Albarros NV, of Antwerp, for an undisclosed sum, Wintershall said it now holds all of the Albatros 750m franc capital. Meanwhile, it is also mnounced that Burmah retains the right to refine crude oil at Albatros, which has a refinery with a five million tonne annual capacity, for some time

Benson's Hosiery level-pegging

With the help of extraordin-With the help of extraordinary items amounting to
f51,000, pre-tax profit of Benson's Hosiery (Holdings)
moved slightly upwards from
f343,000 to f354,000, and the
met" from £151,000 to
f168,000. Interim progress was
checked by the shorter week
and fuel crisis, and the forecast was for lower full-time
estraings. The dividend is unchamped at 0.60.

changed at 0.6p. The latest accounts are the interim period for the year to July 31. The accounting term early. Prices were unchanged has been extended for 18 and there were no talking months to January 31, 1975.

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tribis, 604.74 (598.40); transportation, 141.52 (140.24); utilities, 65.49 (66.69); 65 stocks, 195.63 (194.26). New York Stock Exchange Index, 55.30; industrials, 38.48 (58.11); transportation, 25.99 (25.72); utilities, 26.24 (26.16); functional, 38.98 (56.45).

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Foreign Exchange

Featureless on 13pc stake day for for the pound equities

The stock market's mood was quiescent rather than listless yesterday with the level of activity probably the lowest since the Second World War. The number of bargains marked at 1,143 well underlines this ing unchanged on the day. The FT index edged 0.8 higher to 159.6 while The Times index rose 0.15 to 64.15.

Although opening marginally easier at first, the industrial sector managed to close slightly sector managed to close slightly ahead on balance. In insurances, the Darwin tragedy was the dominant influence with Royal dropping 4p to 130p and Commercial Union 2p to 74p. The mining sector was the most active with gold mines shrugging off the new record bullion fix to show falls of up to 50p by the end. Mining financials were, however, generally firm were, however, generally firm with Cons Gold and Union Cor-

poration prominent. Trading news brought a 41p fall to Bell & Sime at 501p, while Brigay slipped 11p to 211p, also reflecting disappointment. Stores presented an optimistic force to the record level. mistic front to the record level of Christmas spending.

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Big technical rise

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Bank 'mops up'

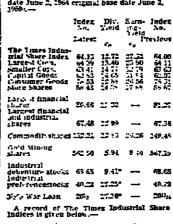
surplus credit With most institutions operating reduced staffs conditions were extremely quiet in the London money markets yesterday.

Although there was some uncertainty, there was no doubt that day-to-day funds were not difficult to pick up, and the discount houses were able to pull in balances at rates that opened around 9 per cent and closed around 4 or 5 per cent.

The Bank of England found it necessary to "mop up" on a small scale, selling Treasury bills both to banks and to houses.

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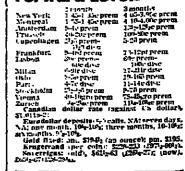
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